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In the third minute, England fans thought it might be all over . . . two hours later, it was

Penalty kicks appear to have replaced football, but the match was an absolute classic

Matthew Engel

HE great resurgence of English football, which had lasted all of 11 days, ended at Wembley lest night when the history England did not want repeated itself and they were knocked out of the English by

Gareth Southgate will now worn for the past six years by Stuart Pearce.

After five kicks from each side had gone in, he hit the lith only just right of goal-keeper Koepke and it was comfortably saved.

He returned to join his team-mates in despair. Andrews Modillon the Company of the

dreas Moeller, the German captain, calmly took the kick that gave his team victory. And, after a brief eruption from the German contingent, the crowd left the ground in near-silence.

Germany, as ever, will now be hot favourites to win the tournament on Sunday night. They meet the Czech Repub-lic, who beat France in the other semi-final — also on penalties.

The population of England most of whom were believed to be watching on TV last night, can now resume the normal summertime business of watching Wimbledon and washing their cars.

Although penalty kicks now appear to have replaced football as the object of the chempionship, the climax was preceded by a match that will be remembered as an absolute classic.

The game ended 1-1 after normal time and extra time. But there was more football in the average minute of this contest than in the whole of the dreary Old Trafford semi-final, when the French were

bitterly disappointing. England took the lead after only 132 seconds when Alan Shearer headed in his fifth goal of the tournament before the German defence had

sorted themselves out.
Nemesis followed hubris. Germany equalised through Kuntz after 15 minutes. That was the last proper goal of the

But the miracle was that either side might have scored

England, if anything, were the more positive of two teams that probably astonished themselves as well as the crowd by the fluency of their football. It was as though the early goals defused the tension and replaced it with sheer

Inevitably, though, the tournament and I think he's match went to extra time. At been magnificent throughout.



Gascoigne, who played brilliantly, almost scored twice. The Germans, meanwhile, did put the ball in the net but it

was disallowed because of pushing Shearer's near-miss led to the England coach Terry Ven-ables burying his head in his hand. His tenure is now over and he hands over to Glenn Hoddle

Venables said afterwards: "We've nothing to be down-hearted about except the ac-

tual result. "I couldn't have wished for anything more from the play-ers. They can look forward to

He made a special effort to comfort the desolate South-gate: "He only had a few games for England before this

should never have rejected history and played in grey, instead of the red in which they beat Germany in the 1966 World Cup.

However, when the gnashing of the chief is over, the game will be remembered for its classic qualities and (on the whole) its sportsmanship. The atmosphere in the sta-dium was electric, but the passion inside never spilled over into unreasonable

animosity. It can be said with certainty, though, that if there ever is to be a federal Europe, England v Germany is going to provide inter-provincial rivalry for most of the next miliennium. England will hope they do not have to wait another 30 years for revenge.

# Game that stopped the nation

 Hundred of tickets were left unsold for the Royal Opera House's production of Verdi's Nabucco last might. Seats are normally snapped up a month sheed.

The kick-off time for John Major's speech on the constitution in Westminster was brought forward 30 minutes to 6pm. "For the

convenience of his audience," Downing Street • AA Roadwatch reported early evening congestion in London as commuters raced home early for the opening whistle. Traffic later around the country was "absolutely dead". The Commons chamber was left almost deserted



throughout the evening as Statisticians are this a few dedicated MPs strugmorning eagerly awaiting figures for last night's TV gled with the bureaucracy

beat include: 1966 World. Cup final — 28 million viewers; Princess Diana inviewers; Princess Diana in-terview — 23 million.

O It is rure that a ministe-rial invitation to drinks in the magnificent splendour of the Foreign Office is turned down Bui regrets poured that such a race that Foreign Office Minister Jeremy Hanley book the wise step of postponing his drinks party planned for less night until September.

ist night until September.

• At Wimbledon early syeming crowds thinned out as termis fans hurried home to watch the big game. A whis-pered "England have scored" brought a muted. cheer as Tim Henman and Danny Sapsford were doing

battle on Number One Court in a match delayed by the sensational defeat of ratings. Other records to second seed Monica Seles.

# rage at Labour switch Michael White Political Editor

IK Labour leadership's decision to submit its plans for Welsh and Scottish assemblies to twin referendums of the voters last night convulsed the ranks of Labour MPs at Westminster and brought both anger and scorn down on Tony Blair's head from his political ene-

As one pro-devolution frontbencher, the Scots MP, John McAllion, wavered on the edge of resignation in the face of what the Scottish Nationalist Party denounced as tionalist Party denounced as "a betrayal of gigantic pro-portions," John Major twisted the knife with a

veil the revised peckage in Cardiff and Glasgow today, remained convinced that his advisory team's strategic switch will prevent the Conservations when the con-

switch will prevent the Con-servatives using the devolu-tion issue effectively at the coming election.

Most Labour MPs and some frontbenchers were caught napping by the news and worked anger at the lack of consultation at their weekly meeting. Anti-devolution meeting. Anti-devolution MPs, some convinced that the concession may kill off devolution, were notably happier

then supporters.
Though Robin Cook was once among Labour's anti-de | page 9

volutionists, he has long since embraced the majority view. Mr Robertson, Gordon Brown and Donald Dewer are ardent advocates of an assembly. Among English Labour MPs outside the North-east there is widespread scepticism about the attractions of regional sovernment.

regional government

Mr McAllion, MP for Dundee East since 1987 and
Labour's Scottish constitutional spokesman, said he would decide whether to quit, probably tomorrow, after hearing Mr Robertson's state-ment. It a clear sign that the 48-year-old MP, who sits on Labour's "Scotland United" nationalistic wing, had been left out of the ad hoc group

which refettled the package.
Some MPs claimed that Mr speech that accused Labour of wriggling "to avoid answering the questions that expose the fally of their plans."

But the Labour leader, whitse Welsh and Scottish spokesmen — Ron Davies and George Robertson — will unable the provided reckage in Davies, less of a Blairite loyalist than Mr Robertson, had also been in the dark because he publicly criticised the prelegislative referendum option as recently as Monday and as recently as Monday and had argued that an election

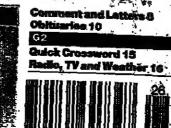
But the plan for parallel ref-erendums in Scotland and Wales before legislation is en-Labour's abortive referen-dums in 1979 — is officially intended to "entrench" the two assemblies from the threat of abolition by a subsequent Tory government. Voting would take place within six months, possibly three, of a general election

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### Sketch

# Contradiction, not contraction



Simon Hoggart

passionately in Scottish independence, and would paint blue stripes on our faces if we thought it would help, found our views much

strengthened yesterday. For one thing, John Major made a speech against it, and for another, Parliament spent the best part of an hour on one of those absurd little paradoxes — or "contradictions' as the Marxists used to call them, and probably still do. since most Marxists have been quite unfazed by the col-

lapse of Marxism.
On Tuesday three SNP
members staged a sit-in at the
Scottish standing committee,
which was debating a bill on which was debating a bill on Scottish education. They were protesting against the fact that three members of the commit-tee sit for English seats, drafted in to allow the Tory government a majority, even though only a handful of Con-servatives actually sit for

Scottish seats.
Got that? Anyhow, the three
MPs had refused to leave the seats they were squatting in, and yesterday Tony Newton, the Leader of the House, proposed a motion which would allow the Serjeant at Arms to throw them out, by force if necessary. Since the Serjeant never goes anywhere without his trusty snickersnee, or at least a sword, that is no idle

Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, rose to oppose. (Mr Salmond is the MP for

Banff. A previous member was a Tory, David Myles, who was rather over-confident in his manner. Once he brusquely demanded a drink from one of the staff on the Terrace, a fellow known to all as the Rudest Barman in the World. "Are you a member?" asked the Rudest Barman. He asked the kndest barman. In puffed out his chest. "I'm Myles from Banff." "Aren't we all," said the barman. "I arst if you was a member.")

Andrew Clements

DECADE ago, hearing any 19th century music,

even a Beethoven sym-

phony, played on original in-struments would have been

quite a novelty. Now Beetho-

ven has become very much part of the authentic

scene; so too has Schubert

Mendelssohn, Schumann and Berlioz will be the next

major composers to be an-

nexed, and the more adventur ous pioneers in the field are

beginning to investigate the high-water marks of musical

None of these explorers has been more intrepid than Roger Norrington; he has already

Brahms and Wagner with an

would have known, and even

remains to be seen, but mean while there is still plenty of

fertile territory in the second half of the 19th century to be

Even so Norrington and his orchestra, the London Classi-

cal Players, opened the City of London Festival in the Guild-

hall last night with a pretty

unlikely piece of period reconstruction, Smetana's cycle of symphonic poems Ma Vlast, his paean to Czech

nationalism. The differences between

Smetana's score as played by a present-day orchestra, and as the composer would have expected to hear it, are not

nearly as radical as, say, the

contrast between a Bach Brandenburg Concerto played according to baroque tuning

and convention and a perfor-

mance (very rare nowadays)

on modern strings and wind, but they are still real enough.

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orchestra using the instru-

ments that the composers

tackled a Bruckner

symphony. Where it will all end

Review

London Classical

Players/Norrington

City of London Festival

Mr Salmond had decided to enjoy himself, and treated us all to a mini-filibuster. This does not need to be long, merely longer in words than in meaning. We knew it wwas going to be a fillbuster when he said he would be brief, since he did not want to stop English MPs from catching the football

Since this was not due to start for three hours and 58 minutes, it seemed more like :

threat than a promise.

The art of the fillbuster is a difficult one, since under the rules of order you may not stray from the subject. Unlike US senators, who can read out their local phone books, our MPs must cling, however fee-bly, to the topic in hand. So fillibusterers always give

way, especially to the more long-winded members. Once they have heard the interrup-tion they devote a few graceful words to the MP concerned, reflecting on his years of ser-vice to the House, his devotion to the cause of fair play, his sagacious views on all matters, and so forth.

Now and again Tories asked why, since the SNP has a policy of never voting on purely English business, they had voted against the nursery vouchers bill. Mr Salmond said that, er, their policy hadn't changed, but that nursery vouchers were clearly get-ting a trial run for Scotland.

This subtle, metaphysical difference - they feel they can vote on bills which might one day, in the distant future, have something to do with Scotland — kept him going for another

Robert the Bruce could have learned something about dog-ged determination from Mr Salmond. As for the spider, it would have packed up and gone home hours ago.

The whole thing was absurd. Of course, it is ludicrous that English MPs sit on committees to consider Scottish bills. It is even dafter that Scottish members can vote on purely English legislation. They must have their indepen dence now, and if that means taking a claymore to silly old Unionists like Mr Major, so be

Meanwhile, the two big parties had stitched the vote up, and the Serjeant was given mond through the vitals by 349 votes to five.

Norrington's orchestra for this concert had a slightly smaller body of strings than

with the double basses ar-

New texture from

old instruments

# Lilley pins hopes on figures showing low paid did relatively better than top earners during Tory years

# Study 'rebuts poverty myth'

David Brindle, Social

comes fared rel-atively better during the 1980s than did the highest earners, according to

a government study pub-lished yesterday. Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, is pinning his faith on the large-scale study — covering almost 80,000 men to rebut the accusation that the poor have got poorer under the Conservatives. He was immediately attacked by the Child Poverty Action Group last night as being "completely wrong". Britain has no official pov-erty line, but all the indicaeested that the nation became increasingly unequal after the Conservatives came to

Numbers on income below half the average almost tripled between 1979 and 1992/93; numbers on or below the level numbers on or below the level of income support rose from 7.7 million (14 per cent of the population) in 1979 to 13.7 million (24 per cent) in 1992; average income of the poorest tenth of the population fell 17 per cent in real terms between per cent in real terms between 1979 and 1992/93.

The new study, ordered by Mr Lilley, looks at earnings movements by tracking

## Two ways of looking at income

Numbers living below half average income rose from 5 million (9 per cent of population) in 1979 to 14.1 million (25 per cent) in 1992-93. Richest tenth of population had

62 per cent rise in income, poorest tenth a 17 per cent cut.
Peter Lilley's study shows:

Top fifth of male earners in 1978 enjoyed 33 per cent rise in real earnings by 1992/93. But bottom fifth increased earnings by 42 per cent.

cords of men aged 25 to 44 in the bottom of income and 1978. In the past researchers earnings distributions had befocused on a given year.

Mr Lilley said in a statement that the study showed how people's work status and earnings changed over time. It confirmed it was "too simplistic" to say that people at | great majority of earners saw

come worse off.

The men in this study have not, in general stayed in the same position for 15 years. Many have moved both into and out of work and the

real increases in their earn- in the bottom tenth in 1978 ings over the period.

The findings offer evidence for the minister's contention that although the earnings ladder lengthened markedly in the 1980s, there was consid erable movement up and down it and most of those at the bottom did not stay there.
Only about 16 per cent of

in 1978/79 were there in 1992/ 93, the study shows. More-over, only just over 4 per cent remained in the bottom group throughout the period. Those in the bottom fifth saw an av erage 42 per cent rise in real earnings compared to only 33 per cent among those starting in the top fifth.

had a real earnings increase by 1992 93. Across the survey group as a whole, only 75 per cent did so. The study also finds that reen fir

median average male earn-ings peak at age 41. Mr Lilley has said the

research would "blow apart" the theory that the poor got poorer under the Tories. Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said: "He is com-pletely wrong I would very much like to believe that it was the case that the people

ter off.
"There is a vast body of evin the top fifth.

About 90 per cent of those not the case at all."

at the bottom were in fact bet-



Secretary of state Warren Christopher at the US military quarters where a bomb killed 19

# U3 railles G / on terrorism

President Clinton is to insist that today's summit addresses security after bomb

Martin Walker in Washington

would be the norm today, and a layout that placed the first and second violins opposite each other on the platform, RESIDENT Bill Clin-ton will insist that terrorism become the rayed across the back and the brass in two antiphonal choir on either side. That layering of the instru-

ments, and the greater equal-ity between the sound of the wind and that of the gut strings, introduces a new buoyancy and flexibility into the orchestral textures; subtle effects of colour and articulation are much easier to create a flute doubling a violin line can lend it a silvery sheen that would be lost with the weightier modern sound, while the

brass can make their points with crispness and not a trace of bombast. The music dances, and in Smetana's pieces, in which dance rhythms constantly burst through the textures, the effect is immediately

noticed. British audiences still have only a partial view of Ma Vlast. The second poem, Vlast. The second poem, Vitava, is the popular piece: From Bohemia's Wood And Fleids is heard reasonably regularly too. But the others are only rarely performed here—the ballad-like Vysehrad which opens the cycle, the vividly pictorial Sarka, and especially the last pair, the fiercely recognist Tabor and Blanik. nationalist Tabor and Blanik, both of which seem much more radical musically in their debts to Liszt and Wag-

ner than the earlier ones. This time Norrington's efforts, with an orchestra that consistently makes light of the practical problems of play-ing on these treacherous insing on these treatherous m-struments, became a double crusade, not only for the rewards of hearing Smetana's scores as he imagined them, but also for the music itself.

This review appeared in later editions yesterday

kills 19 American troops in Saudi Arabia ible terms the appalling

and lan Black in London

priority of the G7 summit which opens in Lyon today, as FBI investigators in Saudi Arabia investigate the bombing which killed 19 Americans at the Dhahran air

"We cannot have economic security in a global economy unless we can stand against these forces of terrorism," the president said as he left for Europe. "The United States will lead the way, and we expect our allies to walk with us hand-in-hand."

An unknown group, the "Legion of the Martyr Abdul-lah al-Huzaifi" yesterday claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack and for a blast in Riyadh in November, which killed five Americans and two Indians.

and two indians.

A caller to Al-Arab newspaper in London said the group would carry out more attacks against foreign military units unless the government expelled all US and other foreign troops "occupying the holy Saudi land". The claim could not be verified.

US pressure to single out which is likely to be blamed for inspiring the bombing — could prove div-isive in the light of sharp US-European differences on the

John Major called the attack "an act of pure evil" while the Foreign Secretary. Malcolm Rifkind, said: "The British Government condemns in the strongest poss- 20,000 troops, in the Saudi

terrorist attack". Similar condemnation came from Franca, Germany, Russia and many Arab

Saudi Arabia promised "very harsh and very swift" punishment and offered a 10 million rivals (£1.7 million) reward for help in securing

Mr Clinton insisted on the need for an international crusade against terrorism.

"Our struggle at the end of the cold war is to deal with these new perils — terrorists who strike not just in Saudi Arabia, but in the subways of Tokyo, in the streets of London, in the holy land and in America's heartland; usually people in the paralysing grip of religious, ethnic and racial hatred," he said.

He made it clear he would demand support from G7 part-ners against "rogue states like Iran and Iraq" — an omi-nous pointer to US suspicions about responsibility for the

bombing.

Any results on terrorism Any results on terrorism from the Lyon summit will depend heavily on co-operation agreements on international crime, smuggling, money-laundering and drugtrafficking reached at last year's Canadian G7 summit.

Mr Clinton said it was not clear whether the bomb "was directed primarily against us directed primarily against us because we're Americans or simply because we're there in

partnership with this govern-ment".

The bombing has brought back into prominence the dis-



'Our struggle is to deal with terrorists who strike not just in Saudi Arabia, but in the subways of Tokyo, in the streets of London, in the holy land and in America's

heartland' - President Clinton

kingdom. Nearly 3,000 of! them are based at the King Abdul-Aziz air base, and live in 10-storey blocks in a guarded residential com-

pound for foreigners at the nearby town of Khobar. Mr Clinton said there was still no clue to the identity of two men seen leaving the fuel tanker outside the residential compound used by US Air Force personnel on Tuesday

evening.
The three-ton load of explosives left a crater 35ft deep, killed 19 Americans, seriously wounded 80 other people, 64 of them Americans, and left another 309 slightly

injured.

The difficulty in the US military and diplomatic alliance with the oil-rich sheikhdoms and monarchies of the Gulf is that "tolerance and freedom" are qualities not usually associated with the kingdom.

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Warren Christopher, the secretary of state, flew to Dhahran yesterday — a less provocative presence than his

The G7 provides Mr Clinton with a far more friendly forum than the United Nations. The dependence of most G7 members on Saudi and Middle Eastern oil will not encourage debate about the politics of the US military

The bombing will give an extra edge to next week's pre-arranged visit to the kingdom by Mr Rifkind, who is seeking to mend fences and advance business ties and arms sales after the row over the Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari.

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# MPs ready to challenge Birt on BBC change

Andrew Culf Media Correspondent

OHN Birt, the BBC's director general, is ex-pected to face a new grilling from MPs following his radical restructuring of

the corporation. The all-party National Heritage select committee is plan-ning to launch a fresh inquiry into the BBC in the autumn it emerged yesterday. It would have powers to sum-mon witnesses, including Mr Birt and the BBC's chairman,

Sir Christopher Bland. The move was welcomed by viewer and listener organisations, which have complained of a lack of consultation about the shake-up, heraided by Mr Birt as preparing the BBC for

the digital age. Critics have alleged the reorganisation downgraded the status of radio and threatens to destroy the character of World Service radio. Gerald Kaufman, the

Labour chairman of the com-mittee, confirmed an inquiry into the BBC was being considered. "It is something we will decide in the autumn. If we do go ahead it will include everything about the BBC, not just the restructuring."

Mr Kaufman has been an outspoken critic of changes at Radio 3. It would be the committee's second inquiry into the BBC — in 1993 it backed renewal of the charter and the

Viewer, said: "Far too little information has been pro-vided by the BBC. There have been virtually no facts, just assertions that the changes will save money."
Rachel Mawhood, of the

Radio 4 Watch pressure group, welcomed the planned investigation. "What the BBC is doing is unconstitutional. There is no consensus for the changes and radio is bound to be sidelined under the new structure."

The scale of the changes surprised senior BBC executives, many of whom were not informed until the day before the public announcement. The strongest criticism has come from World Service radio where staff have held a brief protest demonstration.

Last night Sam Younger, its managing director, told a meeting of the Royal Institute of International Affairs that the World Service was considering launching a digital 24hour radio news and current affairs channel to run along-side its existing service of news, culture and education

"Britain's international standing and reputation are likely to be even more dependent as time goes on upon the intangible assets it has built up and which, I hope and trust, it will be imaginative enough to sustain," he said. Three consumer bodies clubbed together, with the backing of the BBC and the Independent Television Comlicence fee for 10 years.

Jocalyn Hay, chairman of the Voice of the Listener and decoder for digital television.

## Scots and Welsh furious at Labour over referendums

continued from page 1 also be asked if they want the Edinburgh assembly to enjoy tax-raising powers, some Labour strategists must be hoping that they will say No. That would relieve a Blair government of having to deal with what Tory ministers have dubbed the "tartan tax" — a potent campaign issue in the hands of the Scottish Sec-

retary. Michael Forsyth. Last night Mr Forsyth de-clared: "Labour's devolution policy is now a shambles. They are making it up as they go along."

In a speech to a London think tank, Mr Major warned:

As today's announcements are about procedure, not sub-stance, shadow ministers will campaign for a Yes on tax.
Wales, which will not have
that option, will be offered an
assembly elected on proportional representation to bring it into line with Scotland. That, too, will divide Welsh

Labour MPs.
Some Liberal Democrats, including the party's Welsh leader, Alex Carlile, gave the move a cautious welcome. Alex Salmond, SNP leader at Westminster. was furious. This is a betrayal of gigantic proportions. Labour have been saying in Scotland for the last six years that devolu-"It's no use the Opposition retreating and trying to dodge the argument by pledging a referendum. A referendum would do nothing to make these plans less dangerous."

| Deen saying in scottanu for the last six years that devolution was unfinished business and that there was no need for a referendum and that a general election would decide it," he said.

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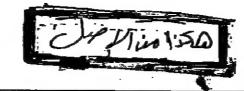
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# Dublin hitmen kill reporter

Award-winning woman crime writer who exposed the godfathers of the Irish drugs underworld is intercepted by motorbikers and gunned down at city traffic lights

David Sharrock

N award-winning crime journalist and scourge of Dublin's drugs underworld was shot dead in the Irish capital yesterday, apparently by contract killers.

Veronica Guerin, who has exposed a number of Dublin's criminal godfathers in the Sunday Independent, was shot in her car on the Naas dual carriageway in Co Dublin at around 1pm.

Two men on a motorbike, wearing white crash helmets,

intercepted Ms Guerin's car a traffic lights on a slip road in Clondalkin. One fired a hand-

gun, killing her instantly.
The shooting bore a chilling blance to the murder of one of Ms Guerin's journalistic subjects. Martin Cahill, known as the General, who was shot dead by the IRA in August 1994. The deputy prime minister, Dick Spring, said no effort would be spared to bring her killers to justice. Ms Guerin was 36 and mar-ried to a builder, Graham Turley. They have 2 7-year-old son, Cathal, and live at Clochran, near Dublin air-

Ms Guerin was on her way

when she was killed and min-utes before had telephoned her deputy editor, Willie Kea-ly, to discuss an article about another Dublin criminal. Mr Keely said: "We are all shocked. This is a tragedy and an outrage." Police Superintendent

Bryan O'Higgins said: "We have a description of the pillion passenger who did the shooting. He is about 30 years of age, fair complexion with blue eyes. He had a moustache and a tubby build. The driver of the motorbike was smaller. Both wore white helmets."

Friends and colleagues said Ms Guerin had been increas ingly concerned about her safety following a warning shooting in February 1995. Ms Guerin described that

standing in front of me ... and the first thing my eyes

gun. I looked up to his eyes to appeal to him — don't, don't shoot me. I remember notic-ing for the first time that he had a black motorcycyle hel-"I just put my hands up to my head and and went down

on to the ground and went into a foetus-like position. I felt a roar come out of me and he just seemed to bring the gun down across my body and t was on my leg and then there was a shot.

"I suppose I thought some body was angered by some-thing I had written. Until that moment, even though shots had been fired into the house in October, I never believed my life was in danger. I

shot in the thigh last year by shooting: "The door was that has to be done. I just Garda detective. Ms Guerin' a lone gunman, riding a mopushed in on top of me and I would not give in to them." She was given police protective with the constitution of the constitutio She was given police protec-tion and had a £25,000 security

She was awarded the presti gious International Press reedom Award. Then in eptember she was assaulted and threatened by a business man just released from prison. The man told another journalist: "Listen pal, I'll find out who you are and I'll kill you, too.'

Ms Guerin famously scooped colleagues by getting the first interview with the Bishop of Galway, Eamon Ca-sey, after he fied to South America following revela-

Her final article in last weekend's Sunday Independent, was about how the open ations commander of the IRA's southern division sanchaven't given up because I tioned a robbery which genuinely think it is a job resulted in the murder of a

TRA activists.

"Special Branch officers who, up to the ceasefire, were working exclusively on IRA investigations, were new also ssigned to working on Dublin's criminal underworld." Ms Guerin was due to take

part in a conference in London this week on the theme: Journalists under Fire, Media under Siege. John Owen, ex-ecutive director of the Free-dom Forum, which is organis-ing the conference, said: "It is a terrible, awful irony, Much of this conference is to de with journalists killed in zones, but Veronica's dea shows that you don't have t pursuing the truth " Est in

# **Nuclear sale** may only net £1.26bn

terday admitted it was prepared to sell the country's eight most modern nuclear reactors for as little as £1.26 billion, or just over a third of what it cost to build the newest atomic power station, ewell B in Suffolk

In an unprecedented move, ministers left potential inves-tors in next month's privatisation of British Energy guessing how much they would have to pay for their shares when they said the company could fetch up to £1.96 billion.

Although the first instal-nent on the shares has been investors, they will in effect be "buying blind" and could pay anywhere between 180p and 280p a share in the second and final tranche. The final second instalment price will be fixed in the next three ks, but after small inves-

tors have applied.

The move came as it emerged that the prospectus has been amended, as reported in the Guardian yesterday, following a new investigation by nuclear inspectors into problems with the uranium fuel components com-mon to six of the eight atomic

Yesterday's document car-ries more details of the safety investigation than a pathfinder prospectus published a fortnight ago, admitting that specific problems with fuel pins have so far been identified at two stations. The full sale document also carries stronger warnings from The Government last year indicated it would raise at least \$2.6 billion from the sale, against the £2.9 billion it cost to build Sizewell B.

But it has been forced continually to lower its forecast of likely proceeds amid concerns that the company's profits will be hit by operational problems and falling

electricity prices.
Unveiling the prospectus,
Ian Lang, the Trade Secretary, denied that the wide pricing range was an indication of the uncertainty surwould allow maximum flexibility in pricing the issue.

But one City analyst said the price had spiralled down because there were some 'genuine concerns" about the sale. He described the float as a bet on future electricity prices since British Energy is highly dependent on what it can earn in the electricity market.

Labour's energy spokesman, John Battle, said the industry was being sold for a taxpayer had spent in build-ing reactors. He also warned that a significant amount of British Energy's £14 billion bill for cleaning up and closfrom the public purse. Private investors have

mum of £300 and will pay a first instalment of 100p-per 105p which City institutions will have to pay. A minimum lion British Energy shares would be allocated to the public, with a potential to in-crease that depending on de-mand ahead of the sale, scheduled to end on July 15.

# **Airline in two** safety scares is wound up

HE airline which has been at the centre of two safety scares involving the same jet in the past month has gone into liquidation. Holiday operators Excali-

bur Airways suffered a "loss of customer confidence" after 'sensationalised' media eports of the incidents, acording to its liquidators. chartered accountants Deoitte and Touche.

They said the East Midlands firm was also let down, and suffered significant losses, in a recent aircraft deal aimed at giving them a osthold on long-haul routes. About 1,000 Britons who have flown to America with Excalibur in the last few days were last night understood still to be in the country, mainly in Florida and California. The passengers' agent is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents so

they will be covered for return flights on other A flight from Manchester to Orlando in Florida today was cancelled and passengers

were told to contact their travel agent.

Excalibur was set up in 1992, employed 180 people and operated out of Gatwick, Manchester and East Midland airports. This month 91 passenters aftered to heard the gers refused to board the airline's DC10 aircraft in Orlando after smoke started

gers refused to re-board the ame plane, also in Orlando, after a series of problems culminating in the pilot slamming on the brakes as the jet reached top speed before take-off. The tourists finally flew out of Florida for Manch after a 25-hour delay.

Deloitte and Touche said the airline "quite properly, and in the interests of the safety of the passengers, took the aircraft out of service until identified faults had been rectified."

It added the action of the airline, air crew and engi-neers had been confirmed by the Civil Aviation Authority as being appropriate and

The airline's other business problems stemmed from an attempt to move into longhaul operations with two

operate by a leasing company meant Excalibur was forced to find an alternative

supplier. Replacement aircraft were secured but they could not be put into service on the planned date.

As a result the airline suffered substantial losses from "excessiva sub-charter costs charged by other airlines", according to the liquidators. An 11th-hour rescue plan fell

The provisional liquidator, Andrew Peters, is now se ing purchasers for the

# Ireland registers shock as turf wars cast their lengthening shadow over the life of a not-so-fair city

still thought of itself as remarkably law-abiding and decent, writes David

Veronica Guerin came into frequent contact with the leading figures of Irish crime, many of whom are now dead. The most famous was Martin Cahill, nicknamed "the General", who finally crossed the IRA once too often and died in strikingly similar circum- to carry out their work in | big-time dealers import

The gunman who despatched Cabill in August 1994 pumped five bullets into him at point-blank range before making his es-

port north of the capital.

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notorbike. Cahill was accused by the lieve that if loyalists return to violence they may hire contract killers in Dublin

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IRA of collaborating with loyalist terrorists — ined, security sources be

the subsequent series of brutal murders appear to be evidence of the rush to fill it. Three contract-style assassinations were carried

The surge in violence has gone hand-in-hand with a dramatic rise in drugs sei-

out in one day last November.

Guns, in turn, have be-

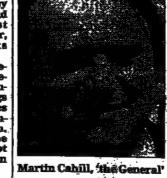
Christy Delaney, who is be lieved to have been shot

dead on the orders of a for-mer Northern Ireland republican now living in Amsterdam, from where he controls most of Ireland's cannabis importation. A former associate of Ca-

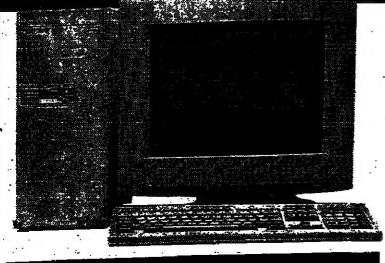
hill's, a man known as "the Viper", has survived three attempts on his life in the

ica Guerin was alleged by herto be the mastermind behind Ireland's biggest armed robbery last year, the £3 million Brinks Allied raid. In the end, she was pre-

pared to give him the bene-fit of the doubt over indealing. But new names spring up with ever in-creasing rapidity in Dublin. and it seems that one of the new generation was not prepared to let Ms Guerin Anotherunderworld fig- pry into his affairs.



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### News in brief

# **Deportee 'may** live in Ireland'

THE Home Office is being asked to consider whether the illegal immigrant Albert Tong can start a new life with his family in the Irish Republic rather than be deported to Hong Kong, it

the Irish Republic rather than be deported to Hong Kong, it emerged yesterday.

Mr Tong, aged 43, was discharged yesterday from hospital a week after collapsing with a suspected heart attack following his arrest in a church where he took sanctuary. John Wilkin, the solicitor who had represented him in Cornwall, said Mr Tong's wife. Becky, was flying to Ireland with their three-year-old-daughter, Monica, to take up a job offer.

Later, Mr Tong's London-based solicitor, Chris Bryan, said he was talking to the Home Office about his client joining his wife. He said Mr Tong had a right to go to Ireland because his wife was a British citizen. By working there she had European Community rights, and her husband had the right to stay there with her. "There is a ticket ready and waiting for him, and it is really a question of the Home Office arranging it," he said.

A Home Office spokesman said. "Our position remains that when he is medically fit we will be deporting him to Hong Kong."

# Father seeks death inquiry

THE father of a soldier killed with two colleagues in Bosnia yesterday demanded a fresh inquiry into their deaths after an inquest jury disagreed with the findings of an army board of inquiry. The three died when their armoured personnel carrier

inquiry. The three died when their armoured personnel carrier rolled out of control on a narrow track and tumbled down the side of a mountain as they patrolled the Bosnian front line.

Privates Christopher Turner. Philip Armstrong and Martin Dowdell were serving in the Royal Gloucestershire. Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment as part of the British peacekeeping force guarding the Muslim enclave at Gorazde.

The interpretation of accidental death at an inquest in

The jury returned verdicts of accidental death at an inquest in Salisbury. Wiltshire.

An army board of inquiry, held almost a year after the incident, recorded the cause of the accident as driver error, but the jury foreman at the inquest told Wiltshire coroner David Masters; "We didn't consider the driving skills of Private Dowdell to be in

any way inadequate."
The three day hearing was told earlier the vehicles were not ideally suited to the mountain tracks of Bosnia. Geoffrey Armstrong, father of Philip Armstrong, said after the hearing he would be writing to his MP in an attempt to have the internal board of inquiry reopened or reconvened

# £110,000 for arrest

A WOMAN whose arrest outside her house when wearing only a nightdress was witnessed by her five-year-old son was yesterday awarded £110,000 in damages against the Metropolitan police. Janet Scafe, now 38, won a claim for assault and false imprisonment arising from the arrest in Peckham, south London, in July 1981

A jury made the award at Central London county court after hearing Mrs Scafe was also subjected to racist abuse by the arresting officer as she was taken to the police station.

She had been detained for assaulting the officer but protested that her son would be left alone if she was taken away. It was only when her husband arrived home that she was allowed back into the house to change. Mrs Scafe was tried on the charge but was acquitted. — Nick Varley

# Accident victim's £300,000

FORMER boxing champion Richard Dunn has been awarded damages of £300.000 after an accident left him disabled. The 51-year-old former British. European and Commonwealth heavy-weight champion, beaten by Muhammad All in their world title fight 20 years ago, received extensive injuries when he fell 40ft from a rig 100 miles off Aberdeen in December 1989 while working as a craffolder.

as a scanology.

He had several operations and was told he would never walk again, but he is now able to get around with sticks. He said the support from family and friends had been "tremendous". Mr Dunn, of Newby, Scarborough, had his ankles shattered when he landed on a steel floor on the rig. An out of court settlement with insurers for his former employers, Cape of Aberdeen, has been agreed and the money invested

# Trees yield peep into history

### Tim Radford on laud of the rings

to redate the civilisa-tions of Egypt, Baby-lon and Minos of Crete if a discovery by scientists is

Archaeologists have completed a new tree ring technique to provide an exact countdown of 1,503 years in the Bronze Age. The span, painstakingly counted out of Reading university,

Ancient remains . . . A statue of Hammurabi of Babylon, and the Minoan grand staircase and fresco at Knossos, Crete in the seasonal growth to redate the civilisations of Egypt, Babyland Minos of Crete if a scovery by scientists is rrect.

Archaeologists have completed a new tree ring techque to provide an exact unitdown of 1,503 years in line the seasonal growth rings, covers the years 2220 BC to 718 BC.

"For 100 years, there working on the technique with scientists from Cornell and Heidelberg.
"We are saying this 100 years of scholarly debates are to all intents now irrelevant: we can offer dates to put together the wood from

evant: we can offer dates to standing buildings and these 22 sites to build up a monuments now plus or mi- 1.503 year continuous chro- from 718 BC. It contained

nology." The story, told in the journal Nature today, is a triumph for the relatively new science of

dendrochronology. This project began 23 years ago with the excavation of what is known as the Midas Mound — a 53

the grave and ornaments of a fabulously wealthy king. More importantly, it con-tained logs to make the fu-

neral house. Trees make annual growth rings which also give clues to climate of those years. Unlike ice core evidence from Greenland or Antarctica, or radiocarbon dates which contain uncertainties of 50 or 100 years, tree growth rings are

precisely marked.
One of the authors, Peter Kuniholm of Cornell university in Ithaca, New York state, started putting together a pattern of years that could be linked with pottery, written sources, timber from other sites.

"We can say that a pal-ace, for example, of a man called Warsama, which is at Kultepe, a famous site in Turkey, was built with wood that was cut down in 1,810 BC. That palace has seals inside it which mention a person who was a contemporary of Hammu-rabi of Babylon, the law-giver. There has been more than 100 years of debate about when Hammurabi existed," said Dr Manning.
"The debated span covered
240 years."

The scientists have colmetre high man-made lected more than 6,500 years of wood from the Aegean and near east.



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# International contest to rebuild Manchester

Peter Hetherington

ICHAEL Heseltine yesterday seized the initiative on rebuilding central Manchester with a bold plan for an international architectural competition to lay out the city of the 21st century.

Eleven days after an IRA

bomb ripped the heart out of

the city, causing damage esti-mated at more than £200 million, the Deputy Prime Minister promised substantial — but as yet unspecified — government aid

Visibly shaken after tour-ing the devastated centre. here an estimated 350 shops and businesses have been put out of action, he took personal responsibility for the renewal turn a "barbaric act" to ad-

# What architects think

ERRY FARRELL, responsible for the new MI6 building and TV-am's former headquarters, was unimpressed with the compe-tition concept. Instead, "four or five" leading inter-national architects should be asked to submit designs -and be paid.

amination of damage. With an enthusiasm few have seen since his barnstorming days as unofficial "Minister for Merseyside" after riots in 1981. Mr Heseltine urged council and business leaders in the city to think big and and promised to return next vantage. "This is an opportuweek for a more detailed exnity. perhaps unique, to

to have shopping centres any more? This is an oppor-tunity to look forward."

OWEN LUDER, president of the Royal Institute of British Arthitects, urged a

"bold approach" embracing shops, offices and housing. "We should aim to bring people back: is it necessary

around the world would be invited to redesign the centre of

order to show the options for order to snow the options for rebuilding, there will be an international competition to provide a range of ideas for an imaginative concept." The Prime Minister had decided the Covernment should cover the Government should cover

the Government should cover some of the competition costs.

Mr Heseltine is moving towards the council's concept of a task force, probably headed by himself, to spearhead the renewal drive. He said the Government would give £50,000 to the Lord Mayor's emergency fund to help or's emergency fund to help immediate hardship, and the inimediate narosnip, and me ultimate financial aid would be substantial. "There is bound to be extra money... we don't yet know the form or the scale."

The council estimates that what is regarded as the world's first industrial city.

"We have agreed that in help."

# Holiday island 'centre of beef scam milking EU subsides'

David Hencke

THE holiday paradise island of Mauritius may be the centre for a world-wide corned beef scam originating in Britain, a committee of MPs revealed yesterday.

Customs officers discovered the scam after figures suggested that the island's suggested that the island's one million inhabitants — mainly fish eaters and vegetarians — appeared to be consuming abnormally high quantities of subsidised British beef.

MPs were told that although to urists were thought to eat a lot of beef this still could not account

thought to eat a lot of beef this still could not account for the passion for red meat in Mauritius — before the beef export ban was imposed following the BSE scare. The figures show that over 9,000 tonnes of beef were consumed by the Mauritians — 4,000 tonnes coming from Britain.

coming from Britain. The export trade — 10 times Britain's beef exports to India and only just below Britain's best customer. Public Accounts Committee. South Africa — has led to a HMSO 18.

big Customs and Excise investigation, the Commons Public Accounts Committee revealed yesterday.

As a result, three British exporters have been asked to repay over £630,000 for avoiding customs duties and obtaining beef export subsidies to which they were not entitled. They were discovered taking adwere discovered taking advantage of European Union rules and using Mauritius to re-export the subsidised meat as corned beef back to

Britain and other EU countries. MPs warn that tougher controls are needed to prevent similar scams reemerging once the beef ban is lifted.

is lifted.

Denzil Davies, Labour MP for Llanelli, who spotted the huge rise in the Mauritian beef orders, said: "My first thought was nerhang they have a lots of

perhaps they have a lots of McDonald's." Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce: Preventing, Detecting and Acting on Irregularities. Twenty

second report of the Commons

# Parkhurst escaper 'was contemplating suicide'

felt they had no choice but break out of a top security prison, a court heard yesterday. Andrew Rodger 45 men house for five days as an intensive men house for five days are not as a light aircraft from Sanprison, a court heard yesterday. Andrew Rodger, 46, mentally ill and contemplating
suicide, probably saved his
own life by escaping, it was
suggested.

Keith Rose, 46, who joined
the well planned scheme to
get out of Parkhurst prison on
the Isle of Wight, had become
increasingly unhappy at the

increasingly unhappy at the way prison authorities treated him, and also acted under the "duress of circumstances". Woolwich crown

Rose and Rodger deny one charge of breaking out of prison in January last year, with a third inmate, Matthew Williams, 26, who is not before the court.

The jury has heard their escape involved a copied prison pass-key, and a do-it-yourself ladder.

Anthony Davis, prosecuting, said inadequate supervi-sion also played a part in the sion also played a part in the break-out, which according to one of the escapers was timed to cause "major embarrassment" to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard.

Once free, they failed to

intensive manhunt raged around them.

Their luck finally ran out as they walked to the coast to steal a boat, and were spotted

by an off duty prison officer.

Adrian Fulford QC, defending Rodger, said that his client had been suffering from "post traumatic stress dis-order" when he broke out. That had been caused by learning that the term he would have to serve before being considered for release from his life sentence had heen increased from 12 to 17

"He was contemplating suicide and came close to doing so on several occasions. It was only the prospect of escape that stopped him from taking his life."

Roderick Price QC, for Rose, said the qualified wilst

Rose, said the qualified pilot had also been badly affected after learning the Home Secerror learning the Home sec-retary had scrapped his 17-year sentencing "tariff" and decided he would have to spend the rest of his life be-hind hard hind bars The trial continues.

Court told of confession to father after body was dumped in sea

# Jury hears how murdered girl was taken from tent

David Ward

yesterday heard how a seven year-old girl dressed in a pink Pooh Bear nightie was taken from a tent in her uncle's garden and murdered after a birthday

party last summer.
Sophie Hook, of Great Budworth, Cheshire, was raped twice and had an arm broken by her attacker. She was then strangled and her naked body was dumped in the sea off Llanduduo before being washed up on the shore, said Gerald Elias QC, prosecuting,

at Chester crown court.

"These atrocities reveal a depth of wickedness and depravity in whoever perpetrated them which almost defies belief," he said.

Howard Hughes 21 an un

Howard Hughes, 31, an un-employed gardener from Col-wyn Bay, denies murder and two charges of rape.

But Mr Elias claimed he ad-

mitted the crimes in a confes-sion to his father after his ar-rest following Sophie's death Mr Elias added: "He said. 'I

did it, Dad. I must tell somebody. On Saturday afternoon I went into the back garden, I went back at about two in the morning. I persuaded a girl to go with me to the beach'." Mr Elias said Hughes had

continued: "Dad, I have been sexually frustrated since 1990.



Sophie Hook — killed after summer birthday party

I put my hand over her mouth and kept it there until she seven-year-old, helpless in the stopped. I took all her clothes face of an attack of this off and threw her body into

Mr Elias continued: "On this very Saturday he had spent time hovering in areas where young children gathered. Not a few hours before he had made an attempt to lure away a six-year-old child from her grandmother's in

Llandudno. "He was bent on taking and using a young girl for his own sexual purposes . . He had boasted to a friend of his liking for girls of four or five and his wish to abduct, sexually assault, and murder a young girl."

Mr Elias said Hughes was 6ft 6in tall and well built; So-

ent. Sophie's uncle. Danny Jones, went into the house and watched television. At 12.20am, one cousin decided to sleep in the house. The other three, including Sophie. returned to the tent.

"Mr Jones left them time to settle and at about 12.40am zipped up the doors of the tent and ... went back to the house to bed," said Mr Elias. He said Hughes abducted Sophie at about 2am, possibly went back to the by lifting her from the tent in

her sleeping bag.
He said that when arrested
Hughes was found to have
shaved off his pubic hair. The
clothes and shoes he wore on the day Sophie was killed had been washed. During ques-tioning, he mentioned rape seven-year-old, helpless in the face of an attack of this before detectives had men-tioned the sexual assaults on Sophie. The court also heard The court heard that Sophie had gone with her mother, two sisters, aged nine and two, and five-year-old brother that at an identity parade in Manchester, he said to a man brought into the line-up: "You won't like what I have done."

Mr Elias said Hughes threw Mr Elias said Highes threw Sophie's body into the sea to make forensic tests more difficult. But his "fatal mistake" was to not to dispose of her knickers and nightie.

"He was a collector of girls' knickers," said Mr Elias. "He for her cousin's ninth birthday. . They played in the garden with a paddling pool and some of the children stripped;

Sophie wore only knickers. Mr Elias said Hughes, who had been seen in the area by several witnesses, had spied kept them secreted at home in a garden wall." Mr Elias sugon the children from a path to keep the clothing but then threw them into thick bushes near the garden and heard them planning to spend the when he realised that would Around midnight, four of

would err on the optimistic

side if the client had every

thing to gain and nothing to lose by litigating.



The Prince of Wales on the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's famous tourist attraction in north Antrim, on the second day of his visit to the province. The causeway was created by cooling lava 60 million years ago

# Legal aid changes condemned

Lord Mackay's plans 'would hit | paying what look to them like | ciding whether to grant aid huge lawyers' bills". As now, the lawyers would be composed sections of society' poorest sections of society'

ITIGANTS paying their lawyers from their own pockets who win cases

er's expense

The changes were trailed yesterday in a speech by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, to a London conference on legal aid organised by the campaigning Legal Action

the campaigning Legal Action.
Group.
The proposals were attacked by the group, who said they targeted "the very poorest sections of society" for cuts in legal aid.
A white paper, to be published next Tuesday, will outline plans for the biggest shake-up of legal aid in its 46-year history.

The legal aid budget will be capped for the first time and fixed regional budgets will be vice agencies will tender for block contracts to conduct a

against opponents on legal aid will be able to claim their costs from the Legal Ald Fund in hardship cases, under far reaching reforms to be unveiled next week.

Those who bring losing cases on legal aid may losing cases on legal aid may also have to come the total wall may also have to costs, in a move to determine the reaching them risk hardsundery if their case is lost. set number of cases at a fixed

plans risked reduction of choice the denial of justice to some and the provision of The Lord Chancellor told 600 legal aid lawyers and advice workers that the public had lost confidence in the legal aid scheme.

"wasting money on too many weak, trivial and undeserving cases, as unfair to the oppo-nents of legally aided people, and as overpriced and inefficient, with taxpayers who would not qualify for legal aid understandably keen to do the best for their client and

judges, court officials who vetted legal bills, lawyers and others had made it clear to him that money was being

night there in a tent.

inquiry into the civil justice system appeared to show that High Court cases conducted on legal aid took much longer on average and cost more than those which were privately funded.

"Legal aid's reputation is at a dangerously low ebb, and whatever the excuses, whatever the explanations. I am in no doubt that my first task is to take the steps necessary to convince the public we can

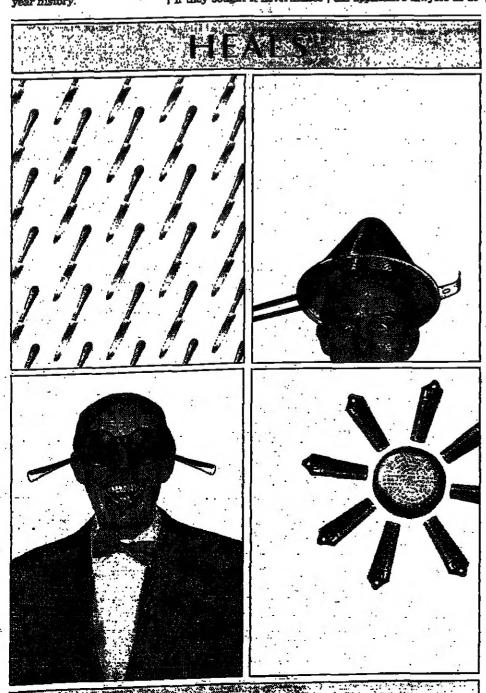
The reforms will include a new, tighter test for deciding which cases merit public funding, but Lord Mackay said he would not expect this to exclude "well founded"

Adjusting the rules to make the litigant on legal aid and the Legal Aid Board more lia-ble for a winning opponent's costs would discourage specu-

The board would remain heavily reliant on the legal aid applicant's lawyers in de-

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Saudi explosion highlights foreign military presence as allies desperately seek someone to blame

# Achilles' heel of West exposed



Christopher: 'US will not be

David Fairhall

United States servicemen in Saudi Arabia's oil capi-tal, Dhahran, on struck at the West's most sen-sitive, and visible, presence in the kingdom.
It was an attack calculated

to send a shiver through every foreign capital with in-terests in the stability of this strategic peninsula, which produces 8 million barrels of oil a day.

The stationing of nearly 3,000 US servicemen at the King Abdul-Aziz air base is both a symbol of the Gulf's dependence on Western protec-tion and, for the industrialised world, the best guarantee that

It was an attack calculated to send a shiver through every foreign capital with regional interests

Saudi oil will continue to flow. The servicemen — along with smaller contingents from Britain and France are the successors of the vast allied coalition force assembied in 1990 under a United Nations mandate to drive the

The US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, inter-rupted a tour of the Middle East and Europe to fly to Saudi | officer put it yesterday. Arabia. He told reporters the bombing "will not deter the United States from carrying which it has come".

Earlier, in Cairo he said: The attack emphasises once again the need for co-ordinated action against the scourge of terrorism." He also referred pointedly to the attack on "US coalition servicemen"

But for Islamic fundamentalists, the men are evidence of the corruption of the Arab vorld — a permanent merce | David Hirst, page 9



nary force deployed to protect oil supplies. Dhahran is the headquarters of the Saudi Aramco oil operation. It is also the rear base from which the Gulf war was fought and any future military intervention would be mounted. The wells, refineries and tanker terminals of this eastern province supply 11 per cent of the world's oil Japan alone — with a stake in the Arabian Oil Company which operates in the northern border region with Ku-wait — takes nearly 1 million barrels a day. The bombing had no imme-

diate effect on oil production or export operations, but prompted a price rise of 20 cents a barrel. About a quarter of the world's remaining oil reserves lie beneath the same stretch of desert.

The main role of the US-led forces at Dhahran is to enforce a UN-backed "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq, where Shi'lte communities and the marsh Arabs of the Tigris-Euphrates River confluence have been under bru tal pressure from the forces of President Saddam Hussein. F-15 and F-16 fighter air-craft from the 33rd and 79th

US fighter wings operate from the Saudi base, together with a US army unit manning Pat-riot air defence missiles, and a signals battalion. The eight-storey accommo-

dation block blasted by explosives packed into a fuel truck is one of about 40 such build-ings, housing British, French, Saudi and US servicemen near the base. The Royal Air Force, like its US counterpart, has been there since the end of the 1991 war — "almost a forgotten force" as one senior

The present RAF detach-

ment consists of six Tornado GRIs from 9 Squadron at Bruggen, in Germany, which use a thermal imaging system to monitor lraqi military activity in southern Iraq. They are supported by a VC-10 aerial tanker based in nearby Bahrain. No British or French casualties were reported after the bombing. but the RAF said it would be tightening security.

Leader comment, page 8;



Morning after . . . Rescue and security workers sift through the rubble left by the bomb attack on the US Air Force base in Dhahran PHOTOGRAPH: APTV

# Gulf states search for Dhahran bombers

Islamic groups may be behind the attack, | lower ranks of society, | racy as kaffir (beathen). | bombing. several analysts report **Kathy Evans** and **Shyam Batia** 

THE United States and to overthrow its govern-its Gulf allies began ment.

casting around the More likely, several Arab region yesterday for the

A small but unknown group claimed responsi-bility for the attack yesterday, but this did not stop fingers being pointed at the Gulf's public enemy num-

berone, Iran. Iranian officials dis-missed the speculation as another attempt by undemocratic and corrupt states" to blame internal unrest on external forces. Last month, the neighbour-ing Gulf state of Bahrain accused Iran of attempting

More likely, several Arab analysts said, the truth was region yesterday for the groups, or states, to blame that the bombing was carfor the Dhahran bombing, which claimed 19 American lives and 264 casualties. ing in the kingdom.

In the last two years, Saudi Arabia has seen a growth of Islamic groups using fax machines, and now bombs, to put their message across. Saudi op-position politics began with Mohammed al-Mas'ari of the Committee of the Defence for Legitimate Rights, now based in London. There are much more radical groups operating under-

ground at home. Culled largely from the

their numbers have been supplemented by Saudi vet-erans of the Afghan war, They are very dangerous," a Saudi expert on Islamic groups said whose cause was once sup-ported by the West. Today, One of the acknowledged leaders of the jihadi trend is Abu Mohammed al-

Afghan veterans form the backbone of militant groups threatening the gov-ernments of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and other Arab tates. who confessed to last No-said yesterday they had had groups involved in terrorist. This loose network of vember's explosion at a US reports that two of the attacks against Israelis had groups, known as the military mission in Riyadh. ihadis, are committed to the removal of US and other Western forces from the holy land of Islam, Saudi Arabia. All are critical of the pro-Western poli-cies of the ruling al Sand family, and view the economic and social policies of

the conservative regime as un-Islamic. "The jihadi groups are the Innatic fringe of Islamic Change. Tuesday's attack fundamentalism. They in Dhahran appeared to be reject modernism, democ- a carbon copy of the Riyadh

Maqdisi, an Islamic scholar currently in fail in Jordan. He was visited several times by one of the bombers That bombing, like the Dhahran attack, was preceded by several warnings to the US and British embassies. threatening attacks on Western forces in the kingdom. The No-

vember bombing was claimed by two previously unknown groups, the Tigers of the Gulf and the Movement for Islamic said yesterday. Large-scale arrests fol-

lowed the Riyadh bombing, with around 1,000 people detained, including 500 Saudi veterans of the Afghan war. Soon after, four men were publicly bebeaded for the crime.

Saudi opposition sources Riyadh bombers were still headquarters in Damascus.

at large and probably still He said: "The Syrians must in Saudi Arabia.

Official circles were pinpointing another leader of the *jihadi tre*nd, Osama bin Ladin, the former Saudi national known for the logistics and financial support he gave to Arabs who went to fight in Afghanistan. Last month Bin Ladin was forced to leave Sudan. and has since been reported in Afghanistan, Somalia, or

# Israeli leader hits out at Syria

OURS after three Israeli soldiers were killed by suspected guerrillas in an ambush on the border with an ambush on the border with Jordan, the Israeli prime min-ister, Binyamin Netanyahu, accused Syria of supporting Middle East terrorism. "Jordan itself is suffering from terrorist operations. At

last week's Arab summit in Cairo, Jordan accused Syria of supporting terror," he said.
"Turkey has also accused Syria of indirectly orchestrat-ing terrorist attacks. We in Israel know that the Hizbul-

The soldiers were attacked by guerrillas who managed to cross the border. Two other soldiers were wounded.

An Israeli army spokesman said: "A number of terrorists opened fire at very close range at an Israeli border pat-rol vehicle. Another patrol vehicle sighted the terrorists and shot at them. The terrorists returned fire, but the attackers fled into Jordan."

tinian National Liberation Organisation, a group that split from the PLO Fatah faction claimed from Beirut that Since Mr Netanyahu's vic-tory in last May's elections. the Syrian government has been trying to forge a new alliance of Arab rejectionists opposed to peace and normalisation with the Jewish state. Mr Netanyahu's predecessor. Shimon Peres, was more con ciliatory towards the Syrians. Mr Netanyahu called for international political and economic pressure on Damascus.

ing United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher He said: "I talked about the need to convey to Damascus. to the government of Syria, that we do not intend to play according to the Syrian rules. We do not intend to enter

He said he had discussed the

peace talks, which we hope to advance, while at the same time becoming victims of a terrorist war waged by Syria's proxies. He said the government of

Syria's president, Hafez al-Assad, had given backing to Hisbullah and several Palestinian terrorist groups, in-cluding the PFLP and Islamic Jihad, and noted that all the groups involved in terrorist

understand that this will lead to a new Israeli policy which I believe will succeed in mobilis ing important international elements. They will tell Syria this game is behind us."

 A leading Palestinian human rights activist jailed for 17 days by Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority was released yesterday after inter-national criticism over his detention. Iyad Sarraj, aged 53, said he had been tortured.

### News in brief

### Deserts pose famine risk

A FRICA will face mass starvation unless farmers, politicians and aid agencies join forces to halt the growth of deserts, a United Nations conference was told yesterday.
Mr Jeff Odera, author of the document and a

Nairobi-based consultant for the UN Food and Agri-culture Organisation, told the conference in Lisbon that unless governments act in partnership with farmers, aid agencies and the private sector to halt the desertification of Africa, a catastrophe will

Desertification stemmed from the expansion of agriculture, inappropriate farming methods and over-grazing, he said.

Africa's rapidly growing population had forced villagers to strip the land in order to feed themselves. Mr Odera told the

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bringing claims for police misconduct against the City of New York has increased substantially in recent years.

officers," the report says.

HE United Nations | has received disturbing alle | 2,000 in 1994." The report also Human Rights Commis- gations of the ill-treatment of | found that the vast majority sion has announced that it is to begin an inquiry into the New York Police Department after Amnesty International released a 72-page report de-tailing a pattern of abuse and

excessive force within the NYPD.

Amnesty International from 977 in 1987 to more than

# **Ex-CIA** chief backs Dole

The Republican presidential contender, Bob Dole, yesterday picked up an endorsement from James Woolsey. who served for two years as CIA director under President Bill Clinton. The endorsement of Mr

Woolsey, who ran the Central Intelligence Agency from early 1993 until the end of 1994, came one day after Mr Dole had made a scathing attack on Mr Clinton's for

### PM sworn in

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Gulbuddin Hekmatyar was sworn in as Afghanistan's new prime minister yesterday after returning to Kabul amid a deadly bombardment of the city by the opposition Taliban militia. Afghan sources

### Somali clashes

At least nine people were killed and 21 wounded in clan violence in Mogadishu following a brief lull at the end of three days of faction fighting, Somali officials said.—Reuter.

### Gay go-ahead

The Unitarian Universalist Church has voted to support legal recognition of gay mar-riages, the first major religious denomination in the United States to do so. — AP.

**Tuberculosis peril** The World Health Organisa-

report on allegations of police abuses in the Unites States. It has investigated police forces in Chicago and Los Angetional experts said that South Africa has the worst tubercu-

found that the vast majority of abuse claims were lodged in in Black, Latino and Asian

This is the third Amnesty

### losis problem in the world, and that drug-resistant forms of the disease are spreading rapidly. — New York Times.

Khmer killings Khmer Rouge guerrillas who abducted scores of workers at a remote logging site in the Cambodian province of Kampot killed 14 of their captives

### with axes, a human-rights group said. — AP. Che friend returns The remains of a Cuban who fought and was killed before

the legendary guerrilla Er-nesto "Che" Guevara during an abortive uprising in Bolivia 29 years ago have been returned to Cuba, official media said. - Reuter.

Some of his predictions are

like when he placed his bet

of breath-taking accuracy,

that five named towns in

Britain would have snow

of them did.

Peter Lennon

02 cover story

on Christmas Day, and four

improperly obtained by the White House. Facing them were five wit-nesses. One was Bernard Nussbaum, the sacked White House lawyer who had acted as counsel to the committee which investigated Watergate.
Yesterday he was on the

other side, fending off a deter-mined Republican attempt to cast him as a player in a latter-day Nixon White House. "Let me be clear." he said in his feistiest New York lawyer lilt, "in the Clinton White House I knew, there was no enemies list, there was no deliberate misuse of private government informa-tion, there was no digging up of dirt from government files to use against political

opponents."
With that, Mr Nussbaum summarised the charge in Washington drama: the

# seeks fall-guys Republicans sought to expose the Clinton White House as a sleaze-pit, dirtier than any since Richard Nixon's. And everyone knows what hap-

Testimony came next from Craig Livingstone, the former "nightclub security official" at the centre of Filegate — the

man who allegedly ordered the FBI to hand over perhaps

700-plus secret dossiers on

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

HE props, the scenery, the cast looked familiar. The heavy oak witnesses phones, have been the furniture of countless dramas starting with the anti-communist McCarthy hear-

ings of the 1950s.
And hanging over it all was the memory of the Big One. Mr Livingstone scowled nervously as he read his prethe finest performance pro-duced by the United States pared statement. He repeated his insistence that it was all an "entirely innocent mis-take," the result of a brand of theatre: Watergate. The House government reform and oversight commit-tee had come to the Rayburn computer's production of an

out-of-date list of White House passholders.
Even so, he apologised to those whose files — which contain often-unproven and contain often-unproven and Building to find the truth about Filegate — the burgeoning scandal over several hundred secret FBI files on leading Republicans, intimate details of people's private lives — he might have read. Then he announced he had formally resigned as

> at the White House. You had to feel for him. Republicans tore into him, noting that he had a history of drug use, describing him as a henchman and dirty trickster, guilty of "colossal

Democrats were no kinder, one of them reminding him of the example of Admiral Mike Boorda, who recently had the decency to kill himself for his perceived act of dishonour. At the very least Mr Livingstone should apologise abjectly to the nation, the concernment. the nation, the congressman suggested — hinting that the former bouncer really ought

to turn to the revolver.
All in all, yesterday's performance was proof of a rule against him and his bosses one role you never want is more succinctly even than his fall-guy.

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In the first of three articles marking the handover of the territory on June 30 next year, Andrew Higgins reports on how Beijing has found turn coats prepared to reinvent Britain's colonial rule

ITH ONLY a year to go before the sun sets on the last big outpost of the British empire, Lo Takshing makes no apology for scurrying to avoid the approaching to do this, to switch from one sovereign to another sovereign, he says. "It was not easy for many of us to make the switch."

Thought to do this, to switch from a distant capital untroubled by public debate and party politics.

China has a similar vision. "Hong Kong has always been an economic centre, not a colitical centre." Says the King-to-thought to the says are the says and party politics.

Instead, he boasts of how nimbly he has managed to discard his family's tradition of loyalty to the Crown to emerge as an ardent member of the new Hong Kong elite cheering Britain's imperial

"The fact is that we all have to do it," says Mr Lo. "It is the proper thing to do. It is the only thing to do." .

His grandfather, a prosper-ous merchant, worked with Jardines, Hong Kong's "princely hong" of onium-smuggling infamy. His father, a prominent lawyer, was knighted by the Queen. Educated at Wadham Col-

ege, Oxford, Mr Lo followed the family tradition, joining a select group of local Chinese groomed, trusted and rewarded by Britain. He sat on the governor's inner circle or the secretive Event. cle, on the secretive Executive Council, and on the then unelected legislature.

When Margaret Thatcher handed Hong Kong back to China in 1984, he shouted betrayal and set up a company to help people emigrate. However, with the ink on

Mrs Thatcher's signature barely dry, Mr Lo hurried to Beijing. "All I knew about the Chinese came from British briefing," the lawyer, aged 61, says. "I wanted to see things for myself."

Communist Party officials welcomed him with banquets and provided a grand villa. agreement that was made

He has now discarded his British passport, dropped his title of Commander of the Brit-ish Empire and become a Chinese citizen. All he has retained is the Oxbridge

And to cap his conversion, he has declared his candidacy for the post of chief executive,



the Beijing appointee who will take over from the Hong Kong governor, Chris Patten, at the stroke of midnight on

June 30 next year.

Mr Lo claims the "switch" he pioneared and since mimicked by others in Hong Kong's establishment is to a new master and does not affact his vision of the colony.

Whether quislings or prag-matic patriots, this elite em-braces a peculiarly archaic view of the territory's future: a return to the cosy colonial patterns of the past, an era patterns of the past, an era of power. They were very pro-when local grandees obeyed British when the British had

power. Now they are very pro-Chinese. They are pro whoever has power." When a million people took

As Hong Kongers scrambled for foreign passports,

traded his British

gress and daughter of a distin-guished pro-China physician, used to count herself one of

Bejing's most fervent support-ers in the colony. Now she

spits with rage at the turn-coats and China's eagerness

to woo them. "These people always want to be on the side

passport for a

Chinese one

Lo Takshing

to the streets of China in 1989 to protest the Tiananmen Square massacre. Mr Lo rushed to Beijing to show his support. When China com-plained of hostile coverage in the Hong Kong press, he set up a magazine to cheer the "Hong Kong has always been an economic centre, not a political centre," says the Xinhua news agency chief, Zhou approach of Chinese rule. When Hong Kongers scrainbled for foreign passports, he traded his British passport for a Chinese one.

Nan, China's senior official in the territory. "In this, the ad-vantage of the territory lies." For Beijing, colonial-style decision-making offers encouraging echoes of the Communist Party's own hab-its of secrecy and obedience. Among China's plans for In the run-up to 1997, China has put decision-making in the hands of secretive bodies as unresponsive and unaccountable as any 19th-century colonial conclave. The Preparatory Committee, on which Mr Lo and other defectors and businessmen now sit, is so divorced from Hong Kong society that a poll published this week found 82 per cent expressed little or no confi-dence in its work.

With a year to go, the struggle in Hong Kong is no longer between China and Britain, or communism and capitalism, but between two visions of Hong Kong itself: as a compliant, apolitical and stimted territory, or as a more sophisticated, affluent and less docile society.

A landslide victory for the Democratic Party in last year's elections suggests sup-Hong Kong after 1997 is the resurrection of colonial-era restrictions on assembly and draconian legislation since deport for the second view, as does the public's apparent antipathy for resurrected colonial relics — according to an opinion poll this week, only 1.4 per cent want Mr Lo as their chief executive. leted from the statute book.

Dorothy Liu, a member of
the National People's Con-

"Perhaps this is the West-ern form of democracy," says Mr Lo, referring to political changes accelerated by Mr Patten. "But it is fundamentally different from what we were doing before. It is not the system under which Hong



Go, move, shift . . . Tears roll down the cheek of a Filipina girl as she watches her shanty home in Manila being torn down by a government demolition crew. Slum dwellers claim the authorities are driving them out to beautify the capital in advance of the November summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum PROTOGRAPH: ERIK DE CASTRO

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# Nigeria is left unpunished

**WORLD NEWS 7** 

OMMONWEALTH foreign ministers came in for sharp criticism yes terday for failing to take action against Nigeria despite its refusal to address con-cerns about democracy and human rights.

The Commonwealth ministerial "action group" agreed on Tuesday not to impose previously-threatened sanctions on the West African country, although Canada announced it would unilaterally ban arms exports and sport-

Diplomats spoke of frustra-tion at Nigeria's evasion of punitive action after the international outrage that fol-lowed the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other Ogoni activists during the Auckland Commonwealth summit last November.

"It was appalling, complete mismanagement," a British official said. "The Nigerians just ran rings round the Com-monwealth. They showed their power and their

arrogance.
"Because of the lack of a unified Commonwealth approach, the Nigerians turned the meeting around and pre-sented the Commonwealth as the transgressor in having had the audacity to suspend

The group was chaired by the foreign minister of Zimbabwe. Other participants were Malaysia, Jamaica, Ghana, Britain, New Zealand, South

Africa and Canada. The former Commonwealth

'I'm troubled that more did not come out of what was described as a ministerial ome of inaction. What was agreed between the group and the Nigerian delegation was very feeble and puny."

Tony Lloyd, Labour's for-eign affairs spokesman, said:
"The British government has

put narrow short-term interests before its long-term interests, and certainly before the interests of the Nigerian people who suffer daily at the hands of this brutal and vicious regime.
"The Foreign Office must

end its dithering and confusion over what policy to take and must send clear and firm messages to the Nigerian people that its illegitimacy will no longer be tolerated." A joint communiqué at the and of the talks agreed to hold off on sanctions until the com-

mittee meets in September. Nigeria had been asked to accelerate its three-year tranand provide firm guarantees on safeguarding human rights. Neither emerged from the London meeting.

Britain and others strongly oppose the idea of sanctions, especially an embargo on oil sales, saying the steps would be virtually unenforceable and would harm ordinary

Nigerians.

● A strike by tanker drivers led to panic buying for fuel yesterday in the Nigerian capital, Lagos, motorists and officials said. Queues of vehiyards, formed at many petrol stations as motorists tried to fill up. The tanker drivers are secretary-general, Sonny striking in protest at a ban on Ramphal, criticised the decision not to impose sanctions: flyovers.

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# Freezing the reforms

Major sets the Tories against real change

thorough debate on the constitution for sive change throughout our history, he a generation", he told the Centre for defends the institutional status quo, a generation", he told the Centre for defends the institutional status quo, Policy Studies last night. "It is right because "it works" and is "our tradition, our heritage". think the rest of us have been doing for much of the 1990s? Why does he think that the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats, reflecting that long-running and extensive debate, have spent long hours examining principles and practi-calities? What does he think Charter 88 is about? Why does he think that the Constitution Unit, which unburdened itself of a further three reports on detailed issues this week, has been toiling so usefully all these months?

Let us, though, accentuate the positive. Five years ago, Mr Major would not have said this debate was necessary at all; he would have dismissed the whole constitutional argument as fundamentally irrelevant. Now he has been forced to respond and acknowledge that it exists. So, better late than never. But that is as much of a cheer as he deserves. His speech yesterday showed the Prime Minister well adrift. He is on the wrong side of the line on an agenda which is widely, and rightly, seen outside the Conservative Party as one of the largest tests of this country's capacity for modernisation.

There is a basic disjunction in Mr Major's approach. When he speaks of "a living constitution that changes with the times". of the need to avoid "change for change's sake", and his preference for "practical change, not grand plans", he appears to take a sensible, progressive stance on the need for necessary reform. But then he speaks, almost in the same breath, of "pointless fiddling" that would "unstitch our way of life" and "unravel what generations of our predecessors have created". This is not serious stuff. The progressive in Mr

WHERE HAS John Major been for the the Whig in him by the Tory. Like last 10 years? "This must be the most every diehard opponent of all progres-

The result was that, with the excep-tion of a whip's wish list to restructure the parliamentary year, Mr Major had nothing very interesting to say about the British constitution last night. Because he is a man who disposes immense power within the existing system and because he has never been in opposition, he is blind to the constitution's faults, small and large. Because he is not merely English, but south London English, he finds it hard to understand not just the north but the other nations of the United Kingdom. He is unable to bring a radical, demo-cratic impulse to bear on the long list of institutional and cultural changes which make up the modernising agenda on constitutional matters. The result is that, in spite of Mr Major's pleasant words about practical evolution, he has actually set the Conservative Party uncharacteristically against all meaningful change.

The contrast between this and the progressive approach of the opposition parties was highlighted in speeches yesterday by Paddy Ashdown and Jack Straw. And it will be underlined again today when Labour confirms that it will hold referendums early in the new Parliament to give enhanced democratic legitimacy to their devolution plans in Scotland and Wales. Far from being a sign of uncertainty, this is a vote of confidence in the importance of these changes. Those who believe that the only form of political legitimacy is a general election or a vote at Westminster show yet again that they do not understand the scale of the task which is needed to rebuild confidence in our Major is ensnared by the reactionary, political institutions and civic culture.

# When privatisation goes nuclear

The sale of British Energy is the least justified of them all

YESTERDAY'S prospectus for the pri- their privatised shares and hardly ever vatisation of British Energy does nothing to allay fears of a rush to give the Treasury a quick financial fix leaving later administrations to pick up the tab. Almost everything about this privatisation is questionable. The industrial logic is doubtful because the company's entire assets consist of eight nuclear power stations. BE has no intention of building any more - so its future lies in diversification which has so far proved disastrous for most other utilities. The Government can't make up its mind how much BE is worth, yet at the highest end of its estimates (£1.96 billion) the company, after billions of earlier write-offs, will be worth about £1 billion less than the cost of building one of its own power stations. A low price alone won't make the shares attractive to punters weaned on instant profits from privatisation. So individual "investors" will get 5p a share off compared with institutional ones and another 10p discount for those who have registered in advance. BE guarantees a highly unusual £96 million in dividends this year even though profits are expected to be only half of this. The Government deludes itself if it thinks that privatisation bribes like these have turned Britain into a nation of true shareholders. Far from encouraging what the country needs - more risk investment - it breeds short-termism in which people only buy if assured of freakishly high gains. Unsurprisingly, a huge proportion of shareholders sell

buy other shares apart from privatisation issues. As a result, the proportion of shares held by individuals (as opposed to institutions) has dropped sharply during the past 15 years.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, claimed yesterday that privatisation would improve the economic efficiency of BE. But will it? BE's productivity almost doubled between 1990 and 1994 even though privatisation wasn't on the agenda for much of that time. It also became the world-leader in capacity utilisation. There is undoubtedly scope for improvements in effi-ciency but they are unlikely to be on the scale achieved under public ownership. Instead, there are worries that future manpower run-downs could compromise the industry's ability - which it takes very seriously - to cope with safety risks. There are large unresolved questions about whether BE will pay for all of its potentially huge problems of waste disposal and decommissioning

or whether the taxpayer will be required to cough up more. Yesterday's report in the Guardian that scientific staff at BE were worried about problems with uranium fuel in the heart of the reactors adds more uncertainty. The risks and environmental problems attached to nuclear power demand very long-term thinking which sits ill-at-ease with a privatisation culture demanding ever-higher dividends each year. British Energy is the least justified of all the privatisations.

# Terrorism needs a global reply

The Saudi bomb must be squeezed into the G7 agenda

THE FIRST reports on the Saudi bomb | There always is a reason: the task is to ing described the horror and devastation at the US military housing area near Dhahran. They were soon followed up by reassurances that the Saudi oil trade had not been disrupted. Business must go on and markets need reassurance. Bombings are terrible events and no one can approve of them. A terrorist attack in this particular country resonates in quite a different way from a bombing carried out in Chechenia or Macedonia or even one of the small Gulf states. The effect is compounded when the attack is directed at a visible (and strangely vulnerable) symbol of the US presence in a region regarded by Washington as of vital strategic importance. Yesterday's chorus of international condemnation was a natural expression of diplomatic solidarity, but it does not address the issue. John Major has got it wrong in calling the bombing | Western governments from demanding "an act of pure evil for no reason."

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It is argued, perhaps correctly, that a massive attempt of this kind could not have been mounted without outside support. Bill Clinton has called - again - for an international effort against terrorism. The discussion now has to be squeezed into the G7 agenda; it will be the third such effort in a year. Suspicion is directed either at Iran or one of the external dissident groups. Yet, even under interrogation, the four Saudis executed for the November bombing only admitted to having been influenced by foreign faxes. The real answer must be sought within Saudi Arabia, where a feudal autocracy corrupted by great wealth offers so many targets for fundamentalist assault. To say that the country needs democracy may seem wildly idealistic. That has not stopped

tistics for the first round were as follows: for EU teams 5.44 points, 4.11 goals; for non-EU teams - 2.29 points. 2.57 goals. The ratio of EU/non-EU teams in the quarter and semi-finals was three to one. The EU has, however, had an unfair advantage: the competition is named after its currency. B Clark. Holzgerlingen,

AS I listened to the voice of Gillian Shephard on Tues-day, telling us how she was going to reorganise education yet again, I suddenly realised where I'd heard it before. It is the voice of Linda Snell, reorganiser of Ambridge. Dave Headey. 44 Coxwell Road, Faringdon SN77JX

# Labour's other Karadzic, your time is up Let's ride cars bombshell Karadzic, your time is up off the roads and assembly is severely cur

O MR BLAIR is prepared to push the nuclear button (Labour takes up nuclear in Bosnia of Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic and other indicted war criminals is poisoning the peace process, threatening the forthcoming elections, and undermining the authority and viability of the Interna-tional Criminal Tribunal for where in the world".

This is a little vague. Will Mr Blair please clarify which of the following meets this the former Yugoslavia

Letters to the Editor

challenge, June 26). At his press conference, he said he is

prepared to do this "whilst we [presumably Britain] are

under any type of threat else-

The Faroe Islands announce a blockade of all UK fish products;

A plague of Libyan locusts is spotted by radar heading towards East Anglia;

ited Polish eel decimates East

AM writing about your report concerning the inter-ception of communications and the resources available to

the security services ('IRA belped' by cuts in phone taps, June 19). I have not expressed to the Prime Minister or to

anyone else, either publicly

or privately, concerns that

the security services and in-

telligence agencies do not

have enough resources to dis-

charge their functions prop-erly. Any suggestion to the contrary misinterprets my

Commissioner, Interception

N view of the fact that the

early success of the England football team was being been

used as propaganda by some

Eurosceptics, I would like to point out the following. Of the 16 teams that qualified for Euro 96, the ratio of EU/non-EU teams was nine

to seven. In the first round

the top team in each group belonged to an EU member

country, the bottom team from a non-EU country. The

average points and goals sta-

Rt Hon Lord Nolan.

Law Lords Corridor,

London SWLA 0PW.

of Communications Act.

Answers on a postcard to

End trade

the electorate. Janet Bloomfield.

Chair, Campaign for

162 Holloway Road,

UN Security Council Reso-lution 1031 charged the Inter-national Implementation Force (I-For) with ensuring compliance with the Dayton peace agreement, which includes a requirement that all parties co-operate with the tribunal Article 29 of the tribunal's statute sets forth the various forms of co-operation that are due, including "the identification and location of persons", "the arrest or de-tention of persons", and "the surrender or the transfer of the accused to the interna-tional tribunal".

With the Bosnian govern-

ment threatening to pull out of the elections if Karadzic and Miadic are not appre-limited. Freedom of the press

IT'S THE SHORTEST

An operatic tragedy, by Verdi

ANDREW Clements says men in space suits shovelling post-nuclear-attack corpses

"the worst, most catastrophi- into trenches? By comparison

cally miscalculated new production I've ever seen at Covent Garden' (The total destruction of Joan of Arc. June 26). Did he never see the Ridelia fortunate elements. But the search of the search of

Cutbacks may damage our health

As A result of government valuable in allowing future funding restrictions, the doctors and dentists to assess Medical Research Council has the therapeutic claims of the

Fidelio featuring clowns on House of Commons, stilts? Or the Idomenso with London SW1A OAA.

hended, and Chief Prosecutor Richard Goldstone expressing increasing concern about the fate of the tribunal without their apprehension, securing the arrest and surrender of these two mass murderers should be the western governments' top priority in Bosnia.

However, western leaders continue to block the use of I-For troops to arrest indicted war criminals. Indeed, failure to bring these men to trial places many more lives at risk in Bosnia and elsewhere, by sending the signal that there is no price to be paid for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, whether committed against civilians or international troops. The presence in office of the

very individuals responsible for massive abuses over the past four years has ensured that hundreds of thousands of refugees and internally-dis-placed people cannot return home and that political opportailed and violence against ethnic minorities and opposition figures is on the rise. National elections - a key step in the peace process - cannot meaningfully take

place so long as Karadzic and Mladic remain at large. We urge European heads of identifying circumstances when I-For can arrest them on favourable terms. Jan Willem Bertens. Willy de Clerq. Baroness Caroline Cox.

state to order the troops under their command to make an immediate and urgent priority of locating these fugitives and

Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Otto von Habsburg. (Prof.) Jasminka Kavaric. Glenys Kinnock MEP. Bernard Kouchner. Tadeusz Mazowiecki. Michel Rocard. Rt Hon Sir David Steel. Simon Wiesenthal. and 178 other signatories. c/o Human Rights Watch. 33 Islington High Street. London N1 9LH.

ON Snow (Pedal power on the school run. June 25) mentions only some of the menaces traffic poses for children. Like the rest of us. they breathe the toxic cocktail of fumes emitted by the cars keeping them off the street.

Asthma rates are soaring. especially among the young. and traffic fumes have been linked to this rise. Many other respiratory diseases are

also on the increase. Surely we should look at reducing the current levels of traffic. Keeping levels the same is not enough: current levels are too high already. New low-emission engines will help with fumes, but make no difference to our children's freedom or health.

(Dr) S Hill. 5 Leopold Mews. London E9 TNL.

WOULD also argue, pace Jon Snow, for an increase in petrol duty in real terms by, say, 20 per cent every year, and for the money raised to be spent on better and cheaper buses, trams and trains. An increase in the number of pelican crossings is also needed, and these should not make pedestrians wait - they should begin to change as soon as the button is pressed. This is all part of a vital change in attitude that puts pedestrians, cyclists and public-transport users (all of us) first, and car owners (less than one third of us) last. Richard Mountford. 76 Springfield Road

JON Snow should remem-ber that we already have a network of cycle lanes that cover the whole country. reach almost every house and go past every school. They are called roads. Why they should spectors were greatly feared be taken over by cars beats and anyone transgressing me. If we had decent public transport, planning regula-tions aimed at reducing the need to travel and a government interested in alternatives to the car. roads would be safe enough to cycle on. Martyn Williams. Warren House. Bodfari,

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Eggs ahead

CATHERINE Bennett is cright in calling for more consumer protection (Continuing scandal of the food we eat. June 25). In the mid-sixties, I was deputy commercial director of the British Egg Marketing Board. Unfortunately, with our proposed membership of the EEC. BEMB was reduced to the Egg Authority, with no real Before this, however, we

ran a very tight and con-trolled operation, with area offices and an excellent staff of inspectors. Our rules were very strict on seconds feed and even clean eggs. Our inwas punished by severe fines. The result was freedom from salmonella and disease.

Of course there were difficulties with producers, but these were subjective rather than objective: a result of farmers' opposition to any kind of controls, However, the industry produced cheap and healthy eggs. A further safe-guard for the public was that eggs could be returned seven days after the packing date and a full refund claimed.

Such a system of tight rules, controls and inspections for beef would have prevented BSE from appearing or at least spreading to the present frightening level. Donald Telford. Sandy Cross House, Seale Lane, Seale, Farnham, Surrey GU10 1LE.

an impact on the number of highly-trained clinical researchers." It is hard to reconcile the policy of the MRC with this view.

(Prof) David Attwell.
University College, London.
(Or) Richard Boyd.
University of Oxford. counter to this notion. Acquaintance with research methodology is extremely PO Box 506, Oxford OX1 3XE.

the therapeutic claims of the

pharmaceutical industry and

of other health professionals.

Indeed, research published in the British Medical Journal concluded that "the interca-

lated BSc is of real importance

in developing a cadre of trained research workers for the future," and that "a sub-

stantial reduction in the num-

ber of undergraduates having

the opportunity to intercalate [a BSc] would certainly have

# Kindly re-tune your set to Europe and Asia

withdrawn all funding next

year for medical and dental

students doing an intercalated BSc, a year's course spent

studying the science research which underlies medicine and

dentistry. This will probably

be made permanent if MRC funding is not increased.

rently undergoing a revolu-tion based on the notion that

evidence-based medicine will drive decision-making by doc-tors during their careers. The abolition of funding allowing

the most able students to be exposed to experimental research rather than simply being taught the facts which result from it, must run

AY I, as a regular contributor of the BBC External Services for 30 years, that the BBC languages seroffer a comment on the controversy concerning the future of the 44 language ser-vices? Apart from the services for Eastern European countries, most of the other languages services, including Portuguese for Africa and Brazil, French for Africa and Spanish for Latin America, are now directed to countries conventionally described as

We are approaching a time when the European Union should project a single image consistent with its integrationist ideals and interests. tionist ideals and interests. for example, that BBC TV pro-Why not explore the possi-bilty of increasing the co-op-able in Cambodia. The BBC Bradford on Avon BA15 2NW. goosander fishing skills. They are only yards away when the duck spots us. Pandemonium!

vices are gradually turned into a Voice of Europe, equally able to compete with other major international services, at less cost to the Brit-ish taxpayer? Antonio de Figueiredo. 14 Cromwell Place,

THE decision by Rupert Murdoch to placate the Chinese by denying BBC TV distribution in Asia via his Indian-based Star TV work (Keeping the gag off the microphone, June 24) means, for example, that BBC TV pro-

London SW14 7HA.

World Service became available in Cambodia 24 hours a day, via satellite from Phnom Penh, on AM/FM recently, so to some extent this has offset the news blackout caused by the loss of pictures and news. But unless the BBC takes steps to resume TV coverage in South-east Asia, how will the Chinese, like the Burmese, find out what might really be going on in their

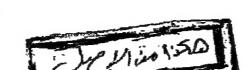
own country? Deciding what cannot be broadcast is expected from totalitarian states, but the BBC should do all it can to counter this censorship by Murdoch. Michael Bowen.

# **A Country Diary**

RIVER WEAR, WOLSINGHAM: | Frantic alarm calls as she The pink flower spikes of but-terbur have withered and given way to leaves of rhubarb proportions. This forest of waist-high foliage makes a perfect riverbank hide, so we sink into its shade and wait to see what turns up. A sand-plper arrives within minutes, skimming low over the water on stiff wingbeats and settling amongst the small pools left by the retreating river on the far bank. Next, a pair of long-tailed tits work their way through the birches over-head, handing from the time of the day, hanging from the tips of the branches, searching for caterpillars. But they don't hold our attention for long. A family of goosanders is drift-ing around the bend in the river; eleven brown and buff river, eleven brown and buff ducklings working their way between the wet boulders in the shallows, where darting shoals of minnows provide perfect nursery training for

stampedes her brood to the far side of the river, paddlesteaming across the surface steaming across the surface on their stumpy, featherless wings. One by one they shoot the rapids like bobbing corks, regrouping around their mother and paddling out of eight A drawer stillness do sight. A drowsy stillness descends in the mid-morning heat. The only movement comes from a large brown moth, darting amongst the red campion flowers. When it settles for a few seconds it turns out to be a silver Y, here at least three months ahead of schedule. Over the last few days, a massive early influx of continental painted-lady butterflies has swept into Weardale with the warm weather, offering the unprecedented spectacle of spring-flying prayers the massive and the spectacle. flying orange tips and these autumn immigrants feeding side by side. After a fingernumbingly cold spring we seem to be fast-forwarding into high summer.

PHIL GATES



Thursday afternoon," Mr Clark writes, "Soames occu-pied a lot of Agriculture Questions . . tellingme about an incredibly power-ful new aphrodisiac he had discovered." Mr Clark then drove off to Fatty's pad, he confesses, where "he brought down a 'phial'. It has to be kept in the fridge." And there, with the ellinti-And there, with the ellipti-cal genius so typical of his writing, Mr Clark leaves it. The minister, meanwhile, is unavailable for comment", according to the MoD. Rumours that Fatty's bum has become uncom-monly cold to the touch have yet to be denied.

HE Diary becomes obsessed with John Fra-ser MA (Oxon), MPhil What, precisely, we wonder, are the qualifications that prepared him for his career as Michael Winner's runner? After 30 seconds of questioning, Mr Fraser ex-cuses himself to answer another phone. An eager "Yes, of course," is audible before he returns to announce: T'm sorry, I'll have to get back to you. I've got to do something urgently . . . it's Mr Winner, you see." And off he goes. If anyone can cite a job of equal appeal to Mr Fraser's anywhere in Britain, champagne will be despatched.

N the Mail on Sunday. voluble papist Piers Paul Read hits levels of John sonian sanity and rationale, writing about Paul Hill. The Guildford Four member has (unsuccessfully) claimed damages against police who prepared the unsafe evidence that caused him to spend 14 years inside for a crime he did not commit. He has not been content to let bygones be bygones," Mr Read writes, "or even show some appreciation of the British judicial system. . . I'd heard rumours about the Christians failing to write Nero a thank-you note, but I never believed them until

HERE most politicians pay lip service to a free press, Sir James Goldsmith favours an extremely expensive one. After Tory MP Michael Spicer had a go at Sir James in Monday's Telegraph, his little helper Patrick Robert-son—the Dolly Draper to Jimmy's Mandy Mandelson — demanded a right to reply. Told to submit a 1,000-word piece, he sent one of 700 words. This was rejected, and when a rewrite

suffered the same fate, young Robertson said: "We'll see about that," and promptly bought two-thirds of a page. Those keen to ween themselves off their sleeping tablets will find it on page 15. Right: I say Sir James is an absolute twerp. Mr Robertson is welcome to rent part of the Diary to rebut that slur at a fraction of the Telegraph's price. A monkey, in cash, should do

ATE news. The phone of my colleague Emily Barr rings. "Hello, my dear." says a gruff voice, "it's Michael Winner. How are you, my dear? Yes, yes, very well thank you. Now then," says Michael, com-ing to the point, "Mr Fraser is far too modest to tell you about his degrees himself, so I'm going to tell you for him." And so he does: although we are in dispute with the old darling at present (over whether he claimed his mother spent 10 years suing him), Michael is charm itself, explaining that Mr Fraser's MA (Oxon) is in history, while "he did his MPhil as a postgraduate qualification at the South Bank University. You're going to love this," he adds, cackling. "His subject was The Use of Postcards as Nazi Propaganda. Ha ha ha. He has a great collection of Nazi postcards, you know." Michael chuckles once more. "Ha ha ha. OK, my dear? Goodbye, then. Ha ha ha. Bye then, dear. ....

WAS I CELEBRATING OR DROWNING MY SORROWS?



# The high road that leads to Britain

# Commentary

Hugo Young

EVOLUTION is not a Scottish problem. There's no doubt that Scotland wants a parliament, and will show so at the election. By deciding to put it to a Scottish referendum, Labour is making a gesture of nerve-wracked prudence but empty relevance. Devolution is an English problem, and there will be no referendum in England. The abrupt volte-face is an attempt to double-lock devolution against the kind of onslaught the Prime Minister launched last night. It doesn't address the question facing EVOLUTION is not a address the question facing Labour from conception through drafting through passage through implementation of the whole radical project do the English have any idea what is going on?

Mr Major was attacking on broad front. He's against any therapy for our geriatric south. For most people here, body politic. The Tories bedevolution remains a Celtic lieve the constitution is permane, which applies as a constitution is permanely haven't been lieve the constitution is

Labour's constitutional package where there can be no back-sliding. The salient feature of Scotland is the variable geography of political commitment. It's an issue of spectacularly uneven maturity, depending where you live

Up there, the matter is decided. The case for a local parliament is in the bloodstream. For two decades it has been discussed, de-con-structed, re-assembled, frus-trated, galvanised, and from beginning to end those in favour have grown to a favour have grown to a steady majority. A representative Convention spent six years shaping how it might work. It now has unstoppable political force. It's devolution, or the SNP and independence. That's why Labour couldn't go back on its promise even if Mr Blair wanted to, and why the Scots Tories are close to being Tories are close to being wiped out. The parliament has ceased to be a debatable question, certainly under a Labour government.

Scotland has reached this state, however, on its own. The six years passed without any contribution from the south. For most people here,

fantastic verdict. Right now, England matters now. Either the vanguard issue is Scotthe parliamentary passage of land, the one item in devolution or the practical the parliamentary passage of devolution or the practical arrangements for it, or both, could be wrecked by English prejudice and ignorance. This is a British issue, on which a Scottish referendum will have only local impact.

Anyone inclined to doubt this should take a look at the best study of the Scottish per-liament, produced this week by the Constitution Unit, an independent body of experts. It works out in some detail what a Scottish government, alongside Westminster gov-ernment, would involve. Any English politicism reading it will soon begin to wonder why the huge complexities it entails, and the considerable powers it will remove from Westminster without any compensating reduction in the influence of the Scots there, are worth voluntarily signing up for. This is not a nationalist point. It's a simple point about democratic poli-tics, likely to engage the scep-tical attention, when they retrieve it from the Celtic mists, of many MPs of all

Scotland, for example, gets more public money per capita than England. Who will vote to let this go on? How long per amum would you have to be

on voting about policies and bills that apply only to Eng-land? How can the "tolerant pragmatism" the Unit fondly urges be expected to survive the arrival in power of different parties in Edinburgh and Westminster?

These are random ques-tions. The Unit's study yields hundreds more. To Edinburgh's devolutionist zealots, they may be tritte, even imper-tinent. I raise them not to register dissent from devolu-tion, but to show the urgent need to re-define the problem it presents. The Scottish phase of this problem is just about over. The English prob-lem hasn't begun. It's a prob-lem that will be best epitomised by three names: Brown, Cook and Dewar, with Blair a more than honorary

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of the top Labour triumvirate, themselves dis-mandated by the Scottish parliament, who will be running Britain.

The case for devolution, in other words, needs anglicis-ing. It has to be made to work on general, not just nationalistic, principles. The vast transitional problems it creates have to serve a convinc-ing higher purpose, better governance, which applies as

as well. Labour needs to conduct in England in order to persuade the whole country, and not least their own politicians, that devolution is not some Gaelic quirk being brought in to satisfy the irresistible pressure of nationalism. Straw has made a start on that. But he puts too much into the grab-bag marked constitution. Sleaze and Nolan have little to do with it. What matters is the clear assertion, England in order to persuade ters is the clear assertion, backed by policy promises, of the case for removing power from the centre to the edge, from the Blair Cabinet to power-centres Blair does not

This case is very strong.
Whether it's deep in the New
Labour bone is another matter. If it isn't, devolution may well founder. The issue is tailor-made for the post-Major wreckers who will need some-thing to unite the Tory Party in opposition. To stand up to them. Labour requires a depth of conviction across party and country that is not yet apparent. Whether passive acquiescence will convert to active support, once new Labour MPa begin to understand what's being asked of them, is far from guaranteed. They need a reason, and Major's prepos-terons warm-beer compla-cency won't be enough to sup-ply it. The case for reform has to reach the whole of Britain. Scotland is too important to be left to the Scots: a British question, to which a Scottish referendum is a sideshow.

same in court. The informa-tion may, for instance, come from a reliable source but one who for good reason would not wish to testify in court.

Newspapers may take the risk and publish anyway, but the size of jury awards for libel and the costs of fighting a case to trial mean that many stories are spiked. Because many publishers will play safe, mere doubt about whether truth can be proved

the story to be lost.

In 1963 the US Supreme
Court decided that if these
conditions applied to public continuous apputent to public officials, they would be an unconstitutional restriction on freedom of speech. There could only be the vigorous debate which a democracy ought to allow if such plain-

From time to time the media have since tried to persuade British judges that the common law ought to develop recently they have received a chilly reception. However, three developments hold out more promise.

The highest courts of Australia and India have applied

the essence of the American principle in their jurisdic-tions. Secondly, the European Court of Human Rights has repeatedly ruled that politicians in a democracy must be broad-shouldered and readier to take criticism than private individuals. Thirdly, in a 1993 case holding that a local coun-cil could not see for libel, the House of Lords used the ideas behind the American Supreme Court to justify its decision. It remains to be seen whether these trends will produce a matching development in English law. There are cases pending which will ar-

gue that they should. Of course, the issue could have been quickly resolved by another amendment to the Defamation Bill, but it has not so far, and the Bill has almost completed its passage through Parliament. It is not surpris-ing that if a change which would make it more difficult for politicians to bring libel actions is going to happen, it will be due to the judges rather than the legislatur

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# Sword and shield

This week's vote on the Defamation Bill. prompted by Neil Hamilton's case against the Guardian, helps MPs to sue the press; but, argues Andrew Nicol, they should pass a higher test. Below, Rupert Aliason states why he will sue

now there has not been a complete block. They have been able to sue, and several have reaped substan-tial awards of damages. How-ever, the Bill of Rights which prevents the courts from ex-amining proceedings in Par-liament created an obstacle. In some cases this meant that a newspaper could not effectively run its defence because it could prove that an article was true or fair comment only the Allason and Hamilton type comment or published or published of comment or published of comment or published of comment or published or some specially protected allow MPs to choose to forgo their protection from judicial investigation and so unfreeze privileged, but there is no general privileged, but there is no general privileged but the privilege

ARLIAMENT by subjecting the plaintiff's made it easier this parliamentary activities to week for MPs to scrutiny by judge or jury. There was obvious unfairne in allowing such actions to proceed when the real defence could not be tried. For this reason the MPs Rupert Alla-son and Neil Hamilton found that their libel actions were

This week the Commons approved an amendment to the

privileges as a private perk to be given up in pursuit of some more valuable private inter-est. The protection was introduced three centuries ago for the benefit of Parliament as an institution, and there ought to be impartial consideration of whether Parliament would be harmed before the privilege is proving the truth of what they waived in a particular case.
Although this issue is important, it raises the more serious question of when MPs or other public officials ought to be able to sue for libel. Presently they, like anyone else, have only to show that a publication is defamatory. It is then for the newspaper or other defendant to show that the article was true or fair

of action. Labour MP Paul for reporting the activities of Boateng objected that it was wrong to treat such important eral importance. Supporters of the present

law say that politicians, like anyone else, are entitled to protect their reputations from unjustified smears. Freedom publish is a salutary

discipline. The problem with such arguments is that they ignore the difference between journalistic evaluation of a story and the process of establishing the truth of a proposition in court. No one wants to encourage sloppy reporting, far less the publication of stories which are known to be false or where elementary inquiries could have shown them to be untrue. Yet there can be a world of difference between a careful editorial appraisal that a story is true and proving the (Longman/Penguin)

Accordingly, the newspapers have now been granted exactly what they asserted they needed to de-ploy their defences; the ability to examine the motive and conduct in Parliame of MPs who bring libel actions. But are the media happy with this unexpected windfall? Incredibly, the editorials are filled with protests about the erosion of an ancient privilege. In reality, it means that a convenient loophole has been closed and newspapers will have to take a lot more care when publishing defamatory stories. For two years MPs have been easy prey for the press. Now MPs have gained the same rights as

# source of incessant argument? How can it conceivably be justified that Scots MPs go lising power everywhere else Dangers of as well. In the end, this might lead to formalised regional government. Jack Straw yesterday re-affirmed the regional option, subject to popular demand. That kind of structure is a long way off. The fact that it cannot yet be projected doesn't alter the exercise in de-centralist persuasion. Indoor needs to conduct in hill for every persuasion.



David Hirst

HREE years ago I ran into a young Saudi pilot into a young Saudi pilot at the giant airbase where Tuesday night's truck bomb wrought its deadly havoc. From his combat uniform to his transatlantic drawl he could have been American through and through. But it was some very anti-American things he had to say as he climbed into the

cockpit of his British Tornado fighter bomber.

He spoke of Operation De-sert Storm and the time when he had joined the western "allies" in bombing raids on Iraq. "Look," he said, "Saddam was my enemy then. But now, when that guy turns on his radar, you hit him from right here in Dahran. I don't like that. It is time you did the same to the Israelis."

That encapsulates the con-tradiction at the heart of Saudi public opinion. On the one hand many Saudis, especially the western-educated among them, have a real affinity for the West, even if it is not always the best of western ways to which they most ea-

gerly take. On the other hand, they often frankly loathe America's policies and none more than its seemingly incorrigible bias in favour of Israel.

The Saudis may not have any particular liking for the Palestinians as individuals. They mostly know them as expatriates working in the kingdom, and they know that, like millions of others, the only reason they are there is to take their money off them. in court may be enough for But that does not mean that, the story to be lost.

But that does not mean that, as Araba and Muslims, they have no feeling for the Pales-tinian cause. It is often sur-

prising in fact, how strongly they do feel about it.

And it is not just Palestine: it could be almost anything. The Saudis have even less love of President Saddam Husonght to allow if such plain-tiffs had to prove that a story was published knowing it to be false or in reckless disre-gard of the truth.

sein, the monster who might have laid wasts to their country, and, like the pilot, most of them supported the presence of half a million western troops on their soil during Desert Storm. But they resent the treatment which the West continues to meta out to their former enemy, not only because the Iraqi people do not deserve to suffer interminably for the sins of their ruler, but because the West is taneously so tolerant of

is no less a persistent aggres-sor than Iraq. It is not only as Arabs and wait and other Gulf states,

Saudi Arabia had to foot the hill for every penny of the US contribution to the liberation of Kuwait. It drained their coffers. Yet the Saudis have gone on paying through the nose for yet more of those expensive shiny new weapons which Desert Storm itself proved that they can properly absorb, or do not need because the suppliers of them would automatically insist on coming to their rescue in any coming to their rescue in any

new emergency.

The resentment runs so deep that when, last November, five Americans died in the first such act of Islamist terror, a great many Saudis, westernised secular liberals among them, were not noticeably unhappy about it. "The Americans," said one, "should have seen this for what it was: a wake-up call. I, for my part, liked the message. I just did not like the means of deliv-

The House of Saud is deeply aware of the dilemma this con-tradiction poses. It would like to think, of course, that the anti-US terror is the work of ann-US terror is the work or foreign agents, with Iran or Iraq as their likely sponsors. That was its working assump-tion after last November's bombing. So it was with un-disguised sorrow that the Interior Minister, Prince Nayif, announced the truth: four Saudis born and bred were to be beheaded for their "anti-Islamic" crime.

The regime knows that it is a vicious circle, that the more trouble it faces from its homegrown Islamic militants, the more it has to rely, in the final analysis, on a US protection that only aggravates the trou-

HERE the Saudi regime cannot pre-vent a US policy misgivings, it seeks to belittle its own association with it. That is why, for example, it has never formally admitted that the American, British and French planes which police Iraq's southern "aerial exclusion zone" fly out of Dahran airbase for the purpose. All the public is supposed, officially, to know is that they do so from "somewhere in the

region".

But what the House of Saud most needs is something that only its American ally can furnish, which is a fundamental change of policy on Israel, and all those Arab and Muslim issues which in Saudi lim issues which, in Saudi eyes, are more or less inti-

last month, the US embassy in Riyadh issued a warning to 35,000 Americans living in the kingdom. They should take because there were good reasons to suspect that the to strike again. And it was said that among the terrorists' an Israel which, in their eyes, grievances, this time, were Israel's Grapes of Wrath assault on Lebanon, the massacre of it is not only as Arabs and imnocents at Qana and the Muslims, it is as oil-rich irrefutable evidence this fur-Saudis too. Together with Ku- nished that America "hates

# Good news for the media

sion to allow MPs to waive their parliamentary privilege in libel proceedings is that this is precisely what so many of them have advocated, or appeared to advo-cate. Now the Commons has called their bluff.

At the heart of the issue is the vexed question of access to parliamentary proceed-ings. For years MPs sued the newspapers that had wronged them without difficulty. Then, in a case brought in New Zealand, which ended up in 1994 in the Privy Council, it was decided that the defendant, a television company, could not use records of partiamentary proceedings to question the motive of the plaintiff, a minister accused

HAT is so odd about the anguish expressed by non-particular fact, the proceedings could not be examined with bound by the Privy Countricular fact, the proceedings could not be examined with bound by the Privy Countricular fact, the proceedings could not be examined with regard to motive without infringing Article 9 of the 1689 Bill of Rights.

This provided media law-yers with a golden opportu-nity to run quite spurious defences against litigants who happened to be MPs. The mere addition in a defence of a wish to examine their conduct in the Commons meant the case would be struck out.

When Joe Haines repeated an allegation about me that had been the subject of an apology and an undertaking in the High Court a couple of years ear-lier, I sued for libel, but the case was stayed until the law could be changed. The judge, Mr Justice Owen, noted that "if an MP cannot

able by newspapers", but made it clear that he was cil's ruling. Significantly, the applica-

tion resulting in the stay was made not by the plain-tiff, anxious to deny the defendants a particular line of defence, but by the defen-dants themselves. Thus we have the curious spectacle of a newspaper in effect exercising parliamentary privilege to have a plaintiff's case dismissed. Unwilling to dismiss the case, and with a few trenchant comments about the defendants, the judge ordered a stay until the law could be changed.

A few days after Mr Justice Owen's judgment. George Carman QC made precisely the same application for his clients, the of corruption.

challenge the accuracy of Guardian complaining that their defence would be the press... this could be their defence would be with the consent of the Rupert Allason that while it was permissi-

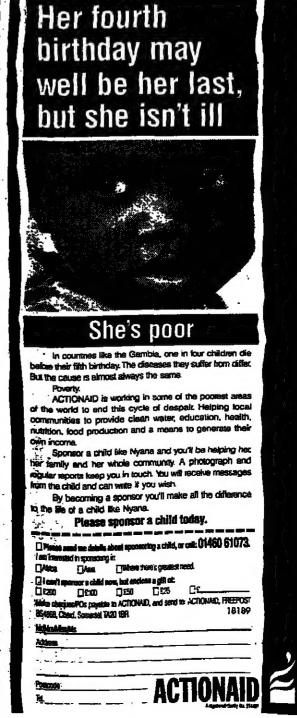
Bill of Rights. Once again, it case. Yet it withdrew it at was not the plaintiff seek the very last moment, a ing to curtail a defence, but defendants accomplishing a very convenient conclusion to difficult litteation.

Hollow expressions of disappointment on the part of the media that parliamen-tary privilege had intervened to prevent a trial were met by Parliament's recognition that Article 9 had been turned on its head and used against MPs. To Fleet Street's dismay, the appropriate clause was ed to the Defamation Bill by a distinguished and liberal law lord, Lord Hoffmann. This allowed MPs to disclaim privilege in libel actions and to allow defendants unfettered grazing rights over the green fields of parliamentary proceedings. When the new Bill, presented first in the House of Lords, arrived in the Commons, the Opposition tabled an alternative amendment, also allowing

the very last moment, a minute before a division was to be called. Similarly, a curious amendment seeking to prevent the Bill from being applied in the three cases stayed before the couris was defeate

other citizens.

Rupert Aliason is Conservative



# Fighter for young lives

Freedom award in New York for "fearlessly covering Ireland's criminal fig-ures" she admitted to a sense of embarrassment. It was just that the four journalists who were honoured alongside her (from Russia, Guatemala, Indonesia and Zambia) had suffered extreme violence at the fered extreme violence at the tion of violence and evil. Her hands of the authorities. In piece questioned how some-Guatemala 70 journalists had one could have been em-died in 15 years. She felt her braced by the tax authorities own investigations into the Irish underworld paled in comparison. But then yester-day she was shot dead when two men intercepted her car at traffic lights in Dublin. She

Veronica Guerin had been investigating drug-related crime stories for five years. Her first serious run-in with the "culture of violence, money and evil" which she said characterised Ireland's underworld, came two and half years ago when someone fired a single shot through the window of her North Dublin home as she played with her six-year-old son.

After this she thought it tune to reappraise her role as one of Ireland's foremost investigative journalists, not came in. Barged in. The first least because it placed her son and husband in danger. Well, I discussed it with my husband because he had said:
'Hang on a second. If this is
the type of shift that we're going to be faced with ...' But I thought, what was the point in giving in to them? That I then the gun to my head in giving in to them? That I think that when the gun was at my head I bearn

IX MONTHS ago just continue doing it to And then I felt it at my thigh, when Veronica Gue everybody else. So I carried I didn't hear the shot. And then I heard his footsteps,

And so did they. Her second run-in with the self-same underworld occurred in Janu-ary 1995, a day after she had published a lengthy piece on without a rigorous investiga-

'Those bastards are destroying lives and they are practically untouchable'

tion in to how the money had

been accumulated.

She wrote her piece, and the next day she was shot, "I was talking to a friend on the phone and there was a knock thing I saw was the gun. And it looked huge and the light was shining on the thing. I just what they want. Then gun was at my head, I began they'll think that they can to roar — it wasn't a scream.

then I heard his footsteps, running out. And I just said: 'Jesus, I've been shot'." The bullet shaved the main

artery: the surgeon's report used the word "miraculous" four times. Once again Gue-rin convened a meeting with her family. Once again they decided, collectively, to con-tinua her fight. She decided to deliver this message in person to those who had threatened her life. Still on crutches, she was driven by her husband to the haunts and homes of all the leading figures in Dublin's underworld. "When I came out of hospital, I said: This is it, I'm going to let those bestrate see going to let those bestards see they didn't get to me'. I went to them all, just to let them know I wasn't intimidated. I just would not give in to

That was January 1995. She was convinced she knew who did it. She referred to him by his moniker in Dublin's underworld but suggested that the Guardian checkens. that the Guardian should not print his name when we interviewed her at the time of her award six months ago. "He's an evil bastard, it's better not to." And she talked about the things this man had told her on the phone; the things he said he'd do to her young son if she persisted with her enquiries. They were not nice things. She spoke time and again about her son and her husband. They were, it seemed, in this thing together. And so she persisted.

Then, last September, in an unrelated investigation, she

from the Met Office. They

were unsurprising because conditions would only have



Veronica Guerin . . . 'I just would not give in'

could have accrued the vast sums of money he had just de-clared in tax returns. Her paper, the Sunday Indepen-dent, down-played what hap-pened next, primarily be-cause it was the result of an ongoing police investigation. They reported simply that she had been assaulted, and that, when another instrallist from when another journalist from the paper contacted the suspect, he threatened to "find out who the fuck you are, and

kill you too". Guerin took what precautions she could. Her news-

called at a house in Dublin's suburbs. It was 9 am. She rity system in her home and wanted to ask the owner how someone just out of prison could have accrued the vast sums of money he had just described by the country of the countr after the September attack she was given a 24-hour police escort. But by December this was cramping her style, "It was stilling, I mean, you can do fuck all if you're trying to be a crime reporter and you've got two guards walk-ing around with you."

Guerin's reputation was not only based on crime investigations. She famously tracked down the Bishop of Galway. Eamonn Casey, to Ecuador, where he had gone into hiding offer the propletion of his after the revelation of his relationship with an Ameri-can divorcee. She did not write about her first meetings

the Sunday Tribune.

But, after being shot and then beaten up, Guerin be-came even better known for exposing crooks. Admitting that initially she was motivated by "the buzz", the thrill of the chase, she said that

shit what they're doing to young kids.

'Tm more interested in exposing the guys who are bringing [drugs] in, rather than highlighting where the government is failing. Over from 1991 onwards, with the drives me has changed — now growth of a drug-centred cul. I feel those bastards have to ture, her motives altered: "I be exposed because they're haven't given up because it's just making so much money. genuinely a job that has to be done. I could say I'm motivated about this because I untouchable."

Veronica Guerin did her best to make them accountable; to make them that little bit less "untouchable". But yesterday the "bastards" got in touch. And now journalism has lost one of its most unassuming and driven individ-uals. She was a brave and brilliant reporter. In an age when journalism sometimes seems overly preoccupied with the trivial and the trashy, her words actually mattered. She tackled real

PHOTOGRAPH, JAMES MERHA!

John **Mu**tholians Veronica Guerin, journalist, born July 5, 1959; died June 26; 1996

lives and real injustices.

Irving Krick

# Forecasting for victory

ving Krick, re-ignited controversy over his claim to have Krick — as weather expert for been the meteorological sav. US Strategic Air Forces in

ically for the last balf century, is between British and James Stagg, Eisenhower's American meteorologists, senior Met Office adviser. partly over techniques of These six had at least four long-term and short-term other staff feeding in data. forecasting.

More grandiosely, it is about who won the war. As both sides recognised, a to storms engulfing the longplanned Allied invasion fleet and could have delayed the assault on Nazi-occupied Europe for months or even years, allowing Hitler time to build up his U-boats and Vmissiles and perhaps to produce atomic weapons.

We must give thanks to the gods of war that we went when we did," General Eisenhower, supreme allied com-mander, said afterwards. Sir Tom Normanton — who was on Eisenhower's D-Day planning staff at Southwick House, Portsmouth — said yesterday: "The issue of an aborted invasion is the multimillion dollar question of the

Krick, who has died aged 89, claimed he was the man who got the weather right This claim has been backed by American authors and was transmitted as correct by a news agency yesterday. Krick was credited as saying: "The only three days this month that you can do it will be June 6. 7 and 8." The report added: "Eisenhower nodded, and June 6 was inscribed in world

HEY were still re-fight point that Krick was also in and Ogden, who was a Met favour of an invasion on June office forecaster at the time.

Atlanta in Gone with the Wind. He also built up his reputation as a rainmaker.

Among his specialities was the was dated as came originally using long-term weather residue. would have been a disaster." Normanton said. Moreover, iour of the 1944 D-Day
invasion.

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Stagg's book about those

Long-range expert . . . Krick

frantic days, Forecasting for Overlord (1971), says that on

June 6 he obtained "experts"

agreement" from this team

only just in time to brief Ei-senhower and fellow-officers.

He also records that on June

Krick and his deputy, Benny

Holzman, were markedly

more "optimistic" than others about a June 5 inva-

sion date. Stagg is remembered as

Maurice Crewe, librarian of the National Meteorological Archive, said: "Krick may have been right often enough to establish a reputation. But he was also a powerful self-publicist. Give him his due. But it was Stagg who faced Eisenhower — and the Allies got away with it."

character."

The four others in the team to whom collective credit is given, in Britain at least, are CK M Douglas and Sverr Pettersson (Met Office) and Larry Hogben (Admiralty). Hogben, the only one still slive, was not available yesterday.

Krick, born in San Francisco. was a teenage prodigy concert pianist. He got a physics degree at Berkeley, then went to California Institute of rechnology for one of the first US master's and doctoral degrees in meteorology. In 1934 he set up a meteorology department at Caltech.

Two years later, he started one of the first private meteodiplomatic chairman who took pams not to credit or blame either himself or team blame either himself or team members. "The credit for these forecasts was beyond these forecasts was beyond doubt collective," said Rich right night for the burning of the bur took pains not to credit or rological consulting firms

cords to produce five-day weather forecasts in contrast to the three-day versions then current elsewhere. For D-Day he drew on 40 years of

manner, made him perhaps more suspect than he de-served in Britain. Here it Normanton, who went on to tended to be felt that longerpecome a Conservative MP range predictions, while fea-sible in the more stable and company chairman, and to organise the 1994 D-Day cel-ebrations in Hampshire, is weather patterns of the conti-nental US, were shaky for a changeable island and coastal now 79. He singled out Stagg's book as "the most valuable recollection of what took climate.

One British meteorologist of the time admitted: "We never had a problem for which we needed a five-day forecast until this one (D-Day) turned up. We learned a lot

Krick scorned these worries by boasting to a 1971 symposium that his advice had launched a 1,000-bomber raid into Germany in February. 1944, "and it was still snowing at the prime target around Letpzig when the bombers took off." But the target was clear for the drop. He declared: "We were in

such conflict with the British about launching D-Day on June 5. We finally gave up and said the hell with it. Try ing to reach a common opin ion over scrambler telephones was not the way to do

Tom Normanton summed up yesterday: "In life, there is always a great danger of coniuring up an idea and making it fit what didn't bappen."

John Exard

Nicholas John

# Light on the opera

Opera, who has been tivities yet further to work dikilled at the age of 43 in a walking accident in Switzer-ducers and designers from land, was a leading figure the in-house team of Mark El-with the company for 20 der and David Pountney to years. He was taking a group David Alden, David Fielding, of music lovers on a tour to Jonathan Miller and many the lavishly during the inthe Schubert festival at Feldof music lovers on a tour to Jonathan Miller and many the lavishly during the inthe Board of Trade, 56; Murtaryal. It is almost impossible itel Pavlow, actresss. 74; Dr
this, plus his vaunting kirch and, typically, would work he produced two books, have been regaling them not a collection of essays on Don
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along the way. Nick was in his early twenties when he joined ENO. He had been educated at Wes minster and University Col-lege, Oxford, where he read law. After graduating in 1973 he qualified as a solicitor but left the legal profession three years later to spend a summe with the Harrogate Festival, his first job in the arts.

He was taken on by English National Opera in 1976 as publications editor. His knowledge and understand-ing of the operatic repertory were extensive and constantly augmented. Proof reading sessions were rigor-ous but enlivened by his insistence that the only way to be entirely sure of eliminating mistakes was to read texts aloud, including punctuation and, in the case of opers libretti, with a certain amount

of characterisation. Under his guidance the nightly opera programmes at ENO became extraordinarily illuminating and stimulating publications. He created and edited the series of Opera Guides (there are now nearly 50), which provide a complete opera text, an English translation and a selection of lively, scholarly introductory

ICHOLAS JOHN, the In 1985 the post of drams | communicating and life-literary manager of turge was made for him at giving force and would orga-English National ENO and he extended his ac nise party bookings to ENO Giovanni and Violetta and her Sisters, a book which looked at every aspect of Verdi's La Traviata and its literary sources, with contributions from an intriguingly wide range of commentators in-

> Cartland His visual sense was acute

He was one of those rare people against whom it was always worth testing a difficult idea

so that all the publications he worked on were designed with wit and perception by valued collaborators.

At the time of his death he was nearing completion of a Blue Guide to operatic Europe and the Earl of Harewood had just asked him to take charge of a new edi-tion of Kobbe's Opera Guide. This would have given fur-ther scope to his mission to inform and enlighten.

As English National opera evolved and changed during the 1980s, Nick was always in the vanguard of new develop ments, giving invaluable support to both the Baylis Pro-gramme and the Contemporary Opera Studio. He believed utterly in opera as a

nise party bookings to ENO bers of friends and acquaint-ances, abandoning sheaves of proofs to rush to Soho for quantities of food and wine which would then be distrib-uted lavishly during the in-tarval. It is almost impossible without him

Henriotta Brodin

company committed to ad venturous work, the quality cluding Dame Barbara of its literary back-up whether programmes, translations or opera guides, is crucial. Nick John was a brilliant editor and deviser turous and challenging design, content and layout opened the audience's mind to the possibilities of the productions it was about to see.

> productions he was a con-stant source of succinctly digested information and gentle but penetrating criti-cism. Nick was one of those rare people against whom it was always worth testing a difficult idea: his original and sometimes idiosyncratic mind always provided a per-tinent sounding board. We were a raucous and opinion-ated team of collaborators but Nick's persistence and his passionate commitment to the company's ideals always made their mark. There was no one in London who knew or cared more about truly alive opera performance. His sudden absence is brutal and deeply distressing.

Nicholas John, dramaturge, born August 18 1952; died June Birthdays

Isabelle Adjani, actress, 41: Eustace (ER) Braithwaite, Carribbean writer and diplomat, 74: David Clelland, Labour MP. 53; Alan Coren, writer and broadcaster. 58: Beth Chatto, horticulturist, 73; Prof Michael Dummett, logician. 71; Shirley Ann Field. actress. 58; Sarah-Jane Hoare, fashion editor, 41; Lord Hope, Lord Justice-General of Scotland, 58, Bruce Johnston, singer, 52; ian Lang MP, president of the Board of Trade, 56; Murgist of Nigeria, 82; Alan Tyrrell QC. crown court recorder, 63: William Will son, chief constable, Central Scotland, 53; Hugh Wood. composer, 64.

### **Death Notices**

HARTLEY Thomas Keir of Rotherham and 5 Brontley Avenue, Liverpool, beloved son of Ted and Jane, brother of William and partner of Jacqui, ded June 24th aged 21 years informat service to cetebrate his life to be held at Rotherham Crematorium on Monday 1st July at 1 30pm, Family flowers only, donahons in lieu if dearred to Merringite Triss. All donahons and enquires, to Barthotenews, and Serthoteneys and

### Birthdays

### Engagements

Dr Andrew Micholis - Miss Wilery Groom. The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr & Mrs D.C. Nucholis of Utbe Shellord, Cambridge, and Hilary, daughter of Revd and Mrs A J.W. Groom of Sevenoaks, Kers. To place your announcement telepi 0171 713 4567, Fax 0171 713 4129.

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### Jackdaw



### Times rhymes

TUES: Zoo's crews abuse shoes, peruse ewes' queues yews hues, gnus' moos. 'roos' clues. Schmooze, choose views two's woos. fuse choose booze, blues. Dues craise ruse news (Zoo employees wear out their feet, mind their duties, and keep a bright outlook despite rumours of management abuse of their union payments) sight plight (New laser surgery technique may cure myopia) Tox jox box lox (An energetic group of enviro-

mental activists spent most of

and the second s

swimming upstream toward the site of a recent toxic waste spillage. The salmon were taken, in specially constructed water filled boxes, several miles upstream and released to continue their journey) Passel hassle castle vassal (Zealous reporters in a crowd harangue Prince Charles' valet) Met. net bet jet, get wet pet,

let vet fret. (Two New York athletes make a friendly wager against fellow Big Apple pro, win a soaked animal, and give it to an animal Veggie wedgie? Reggie edgy (Ontfielder Jackson apprehen-sive over runour that teammate plans to sneak up and stuff broccoli into his shorts) Virgin purgin surgin (Moves to appease voicano gods seen on rise) Lewd crude dude viewed

(Peeping tom sued by nude Mite fright: "Lite" white bite might smite (Yet another health hazard was announced by scientists who discovered a potentially lethal microscopic organism in

prude; nude sued

skimmed milk) Wide bride cried "Clyde (Overweight woman left stand ng at the altar) Droop scoop dape (Woman buys counterfeit Wonderbra) Simpson's pimps on gimps

on limps on (Referring to OJ's defence teams contention that his knee would not have permitted him to climb the fence) Tex mex wrecks sex (New medical study) Winners and runners up in a competition in which readers were asked to create newspape headlines in which all the words rhymed in Atlantic magazine, online at www.the atlantic.com/

### Drug line

HE FINALLY received the the message he was waiting for from his New York source and quickly relayed it to a buyer he had lined up in

"I'm selling this guy about three pounds of marijuana," he explains. "It's a major cash crop for me. There's no point in selling it in little

quantities, it's the big amounts that generate cash "Mainly I deal in heroin and cocaine. The dealers finally wised up," he says, scrolling through a messa that arrived while he was talking. "They started to package heroin in much smaller bags, and the stuff here in Boston, it's really really pure, you can snort all you want. So all those people who hate needles, and saw heroin as some kind of junkie drug, can do it and feel good

"Basically nobody thinks this is going on, which is fine by me," says Terry. "But while they are just now starting to realise that the Internet isn't only good for recipes and movie reviews, I'm

"I buy every one of my top dealers a cheap system, for around 500 bucks, and set them up on the Net. After I finish building the network, I'm going to expand in DC and Baltimore. With the system set up the way it is, there isn't a trace of hard copy evidence. I never have to worry about phone taps, and I save enormous cash on long distance calls, since dropping an email letter to someone in ping it to somone in the next

Twelve hours have passed. During this time Terry has earned approximately \$5000. Not bad for a 23 year-old college drop-out. Weedworld interviews one of a new breed of Internet entre-

Crime avenger CAPTAIN GOOD with his

Goodmobile, tours the streets of Taunton, Massachusetts, to ducate the young and three times a week on cable TV. ble. For Captain Good, aka long serving member of the police force and grandfather, it's a non-stop battle against the pimps, hookers, johns and drug pushers of the town. As long as the criminals don't quit, be won't, says the officer who's been described as having "a stomach, heart and ego as big as the great outdoors". On his crimewatch TV shows.

Captain Good presents "Sleaze Alerts", tips on how to beat the criminals, shows colour pic-tures of those charged with crimes and tells viewers who they are. That's all before the insults begin — epithets that could never pass the lips of Superman, but come easily to the former US marine who was decorated for valour in Vietnam. Creatures of the night, degenerate dogs, dirt bags, dinks, faceless cowards, gutter creeps, hair balls, lowlife

punks, maggots, scum, sleaze

Downlow . . . criminal records

bags, slithering low-lifers, subare just some of his favourite expletives. Because teachers complained, he has softened a tad. He's dropped "toilet-lick-ing maggots" from his lexicon The Captain also has his Posse of Good recruited from the community to fight the good fight.

The youngest member, a boy, was enrolled at the age of one hour, and the oldest was recruited at 39.

He further helps the cause of justice with his Captain Good's tip line which constantly rings with calls from people, young and old, eager to rat vandals, thieves and other assorted scoffaws and drug dealers. Busts are made nightly, most of which Cap-tain Pimental credits to the anonymous tipline. America's latest weapon against rising crime, described in Downlow magazine.

Final grade

DEPT OF Statistics: All grades are plotted along the normal bell curve, Dept of History: All students get the same grade they got

Dept of Religion: Grade is determined by God. Dept of Philosophy: What is aw School: Students are

asked to defend their position of why they should receive an Dept of Mathmatics: Grades

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Dept of Logic: If and only if
the student is present for the
final and the student has accumulated a passing grade then the student will receive an A, else the student will not

receive an A.

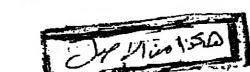
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# Finance Guardian

# Costain halts share trading

HE creditworthiness of Costain — builder of the Newbury bypass - was in question yester-day as the troubled construction group asked for its shares to be suspended after they slumped 44.3 per cent in a few hours' trading.

Once one of the UK's big-gest construction and build-ing companies, Costain has been struggling to eliminate debts first incurred in building the Channel Tunnel. It has been attempting to sell its US coal-mining operations — variously estimated at 250 million or 290 million a last-ditch attempt to save the firm and jobs of 11,000 em-

ployees around the globe. Earlier this month Costain, which owes its banks 275 million, won the £74 million contract to build the Newbury Bypass, but that will not pay off for years and the troubles yesterday led environmental. campaigners to call for the project to be halted.

Amid hectic trading on the stock market yesterday morn-ing more than £16 million was "Following two pr wiped off the group's market value, leaving it worth just £20.2 million or a tenth of its £20.2 million or a tenth of its £20.9 million valuation early in 1994. The group asked for trading to be suspended as the shares hit 30p, a fall of 31p.

The group issued a brief statement to the stock exchange saving that it would George Young the Transport

change saving that it would miss its previous target of announcing its 1995 results towards the end of June.

the issue of its results will not now be met. Costain expects ment concerning these results and other significant fill its contractual corporate developments obligations.

ENRY Sweetbaum, the

£1 million-a-year head of DIY chain Wickes,

sure and resigned as the com-pany pushed through a board-

room shake-up and called in

lawyers and accountants to

Mr Sweetbaum tendered his resignation at a crists board meeting called after

investigate serious account

trading in the company's

shares was suspended on Tuesday and which continued

late into yesterday evening. It

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shortly." The company has delayed releasing its results in the hope that it could announce them along with the sale of its US coal-mining division.

A company spokesman said the sale of the coal unit was at an "advanced stage of discussion". He said it would also announce other "significant developments of a positive nature" — possibly next week. He would not say if these in-cluded management changes. It is understood that an overseas company is ready to underpin the group and that this might lead to manage-ment changes at a later stage. As the group's shares were suspended, IBCA, the European credit-rating agency, said it had placed the ratings

of Costain Group "on Rating Watch with negative implications". implications".

IBCA said Costain's debt was rated at CCC long-term and C short-term. IBCA added: "Costain has announced that it cannot produce its results for the year anded December 31, 1995 or publish its report and accounts by the end of this month — a Stock Exchange listing requirement.

"Following two profit warnings since the start of 1996.

<del>jeorge</del> You Secretary, to halt construc-tion of the Newbury bypass. Following the suspension of Costain's shares, FoE urged Sir George not to pay Costain the £18 million of public tain might not be able to ful-

At that time Professor

Stephen Littlechild, the direc

tor general of Offer, was refin

ing a new set of price controls

His first estimates of the

probable clampdown on

prices were sent in confi-dence to the companies. Even-

tually the regulator watered

down those proposals and in-iroduced price curbs which were widely regarded as too lenient, pushing shares to re-

cord levels. Six months later

he was forced to make the

Dr Swinden is due to ap-

pear at Middlesex Crown

He joined Eastern, the

country's largest regional

Eastern was taken over by

electricity company, in 1987.

Hanson in September last

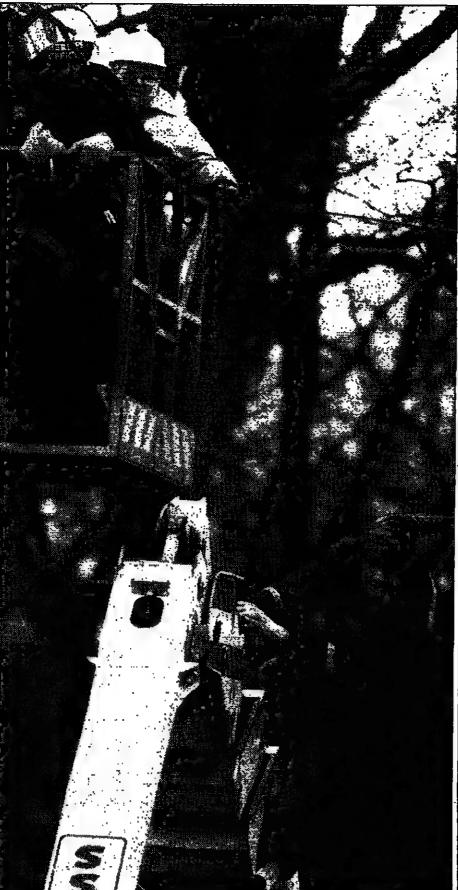
year, following a £2.5 billion agreed bid. Dr Swinden left

the company in March.

Court on November 18.

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Newbury bypass protest . . . now the builder, Costain, is in trouble after the construction group saked for its shares to be suspended because of debts PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGLES

# BT dials trouble in fight against cable

Micholas Bannister Technology Editor

Barrish Telecom s campaign to win back subscribers who switched to cable compa-mes has backfired, with complaints that it used ex-directory numbers to con-tact former customers.

Don Cruickshank, the director general of Oftel, has demanded a full report from BT on both its use of ex-directory numbers and allegations that it used mis-

leading information.
Former BT customers
and the Cable Communications Association had complained about BT's cam-paign, which has run for

about four weeks.

A BT spokesman said:

"Obviously we take things like this very seriously and a thorough review of what happened is taking place. But so far the indications are that we have done nothing wrong. We have been ing wrong. We have been ringing people who have switched to cable, as part of a marketing campaign over the past few weeks. Unfortunately it appears that some of these people have been ex-directory."

He pointed out that it was

He pointed out that it was not illegal to ring someone who was ex-directory, and that these numbers were sometimes included in lists

by other organisations.

He said the group could never be sure that staff had not been overzealous in selling its services. But it would be contrary to their training and it would be a disciplinary matter if they were found to be doing so.

They are trained to work from a very carefully prepared script," he said. The cable companie have been making signifi-cant inroads into BT's residential customer base. The company estimates that it is losing about 50,000 cusomers a week to them.

Earlier this year it revealed that its number of residential customers had

# dented as it is ridiculous.

: nor a more c £1.7 billion, and added a few aveats to that.

The prospectus has been al-tered to admit that this problem has been identified in two stations, not just one, as the pathfinder prospectus said

two weeks ago. What the full sale document does not say is that the prob-lem could at best cap further increases in output, and at worst actually force BE to cut output. This would have an impact on the company's rev-

therefore on its valuation. As investors have juggled with the vexed question of whether this is this a bargain or an item from a reject shop. so the value of BE has shrunk and shrunk. Not be-cause of "market conditions", cause of "market conditions", keep it from the receivers. as Mr Lang put it, borrowing What a pity, though, that the language used when the pressure for change was not Gulf war overhung the stock exerted earlier and more

On the nuclear

# Titanic's deck



Alex Brummer

ECHNICAL uncertainties were always going to make the pricing of British Energy shares difficult. Nevertheless, a valuation range on a privatisation issue spanning £1.26 billion to £1.96 billion is as unprecedented as it is ridiculous.

Trade Secretary Ian Lang's insistence that this was an appropriate way to price the company that will own the country's eight most modern pucker reactors does not nuclear reactors does not wash. The history of this selloff tells us that the Government would have been better advised to pospone or cancel this last big privatisation be-fore the election.

When the sale was launched in May 1995, the Government said that a £2.6 billion shortfall in funds for the decomissioning of old Magnox stations (not for sale) would be met by British Energy (BE) proceeds. In other words, the sale would raise at least £2.6 billion.

When governm Barclays De Zoete Wedd (BZW) came to value the company, it found itself painted into a corner. It duly came up with a valuation range of £2.4 billion to £2.8 billion.

To do so it had to make highly optimistic assumptions that electricity pool prices — widely regarded as on their way down — would stay level, and that the eight reactors could achieve sub-stantial increases in output. Later BZW cut its valuation

when it became clear the City would not buy the story. It In the interim, there has

seen an unbroken series of questions raised about the erformance of the reactors. culminating in yesterday's disclosure on these pages that nuclear inspectors are inves tigating faults in the fuel pins of six of the stations.

Gen — but because the City now more clearly understands the huge technical and safety question marks over

The prospectus establishes that the Government would be prepared to sell BE for as little as £1.26 hillion, even though this is nearly a third of the capital cost of its prize asset, Sizewell B.

There will be no shortage of

questions for the National Audit Office when it investi-gates whether this privatisation represented good value

for taxpayers.
As for small investors, they blank check, albiet one sweet-ened with the promise of a gross dividend of 6,2 to 9,8 per cent. This unacceptable issue should be given the wid-

### Board lessons

ORPORATE gover-nance has gone inter-national with the first annual meeting in London of the International Corporate Governance Network. The aim of the network, repre-senting individual or institutional shareholders, is to spread good practice.

Amid self-congratulation at

the conference there will inevitably be a danger that UK organisations will see themelves as missionaries, taking the message to less enlight-ened countries, beginning that the venture will be seen as a defensive measure aimed at fending off some kind of

European Union directive. Both outcomes would be unfortunate. A directive is probably unnecessary and would certainly be untimely. But while Britain has a welldeveloped structure of corporate governance, the practice lags behind the principle. That has been made clear

by events this week at Wickes where investors have sat back and watched profits grow only to start complain-ing about boardroom prac-

tices when things go wrong. The international network might help to change that attitude, if it leads to more inter vention — like that of leading US fund Calpers — being im-

### Newbury nasty

O sooner had Wickes given the stock market a scare than Costain, contracters on the Newbury bypass, found itself at the end of share-price collapse which saw the company's value plunge by 44 per cent in a matter of minutes.

Costain's financial difficul-ties have been known for ome time, and have not beenhelped by the Channel

While shareholders keep their fingers crossed. Costain coal assets and a management shakeup, which it hopes will market during the 1990 sale of firmly — without putting National Power and Power 11,000 jobs at risk worldwide.

# **Eastern Group ex-director** on charge of insider dealing

followed an admission that company out of the crisis.

Nicholas Bannister and Simon Beavis

HE Eastern Group's for-mer strategy director. Douglas Swinden, has been charged with insider dealing following his alleged purchase of shares in another regional electricity group.

He has been charged with buying 2,000 shares in See-board when he had price-sensitive information about the electricity companies in a letter from the industry regulator to Eastern's chairman. In April, Dr Swinden was

committed for trial at the Old Bailey. The case has now been transferred to Middlesex Crown Court. The legal action against Dr Swinden follows a Department of Trade and Industry

investigation into dealings in

Seeboard shares between June and August 1994. TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS Australia 1.8825 France 7.72 Greece 384.50

Belgium 48.96 Canada 2.04 Cyprus 0.7015 Hong Kong 11.82 India 53.77

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accounting difficulties could | Michael von Brentano takes | tions that Wickes may have have led to profits for 1995 | the role of non-executive | included some of the sums. being overstated.
The suspension of the stock chairman, while Robert Burrow becomes deputy chairman. Michael Corner takes came after a 40p slide in shares and provoked outrage the role of director of operaamong big City investors — tions working temporarily much of it directed at Mr alongside finance director

He had courted controversy previously by continuing to hold the dual role of chair-man and chief executive and because of his pay which totalled £1.2 million last year. His pay settlement included a £750,000 long-term bonus awarded even though the group lost £258 million. Two non-executives have been drafted in to steer the return for big orders.

The new-look board also agreed last night to call in lawyers Linklaters & Paines and accountants Price Waterhouse to investigate the financial problems, which are thought to relate to the treatto DIY stores by suppliers in

There have been suggest

BRITISH Biotech, Europe's leading bio-

technology firm, may soon

be a candidate for the

FTSE-100 index. even

though it would still be a

no revenues

oss-making company with

Through a rights issue

the Oxford-based group is asking its shareholders for

£143.4 million to fund drug

development, and is also

planning a nine-for-one

capitalisation issue. John Savin, an analys

with Greig Middleton, said

that following the rights

and capitalisation issues,

and taking into account the

potential of the company's

key developmental drugs,

the group will be valued at

£3 billion, ranking among

the UK's top 100 companies

After the changes he saw

the group's fair value at

The issue, to be made on the basis of one new share

at £20.50 for every eight

held, was widely expected

and its shares traded down

The City has piled cash operations in one site.

447p per share.

known in the sector as over riders, in annual profits be-fore sufficent stock had been sold to justify the discounts. The inquiry will not only focus on the 1995 accounts but Stuart Stradling with both results in previous years too, men reporting to Mr von after an admission from the bave been overstaked.

from SBC Warburg a year ago to be finance director, is exuntil the inquiry is complete. It was unclear last night if Mr Sweetbaum had agreed a settlement from the company for agreeing to step down

Mr Stradling, brought in

of the metal. Biotech set for Footsie as it seeks

cash to fund drugs development into the company in the ex-pectation that it will become an international pharmaceutical business — an idea abandoned by most tomo more than £1.2 billion.
Webby Wake, head of ZCCM's London operation, British firms, who are instead seeking partners for drug development. But Biotech wants to bring its products to the market by itself. It will use

> the anti-cancer drug Mariatitis product Lexipafant. One recent research note from ABN-AMRO Hoare Govett predicted that peak sales of Marimastat could reach nearly £4.6 billion by

In essence, British Bio-

the year 2012.

new cash to finance the de-

velopment of two products

tech is seeking to emulate the US firm, Amgen. It now has billions of dollars of sales on the back of its Neupogen and Epogen drugs. But Biotech still has a long way to go. In a separate announcement, it said losses in the year to April 30 narrowed from £26.3 million to £25.2 million. It intends to build new laboratories and enough of-

fices to consolidate all its

# £1m-a-year Wickes chief quits Zambian agency faces inquiry

# Copper crisis

Patrick Donovan

ITY regulators spear heading the interna-tional inquiry into ap-parent attempts to rig the world copper market have ex-tended their investigation to include the London trading operation of Zambia, one of world's biggest suppliers

Zambian Consolidated Cop per Mines (ZCCM), a state owned agency, is understood to have been drawn into the Sumitomo scandal by virtue of its links with Global Minerals & Metals (GMM), the US metals broker which trans acted substantial business with Yasuo Hamanaka — the Japanese "rogue trader" whose unauthorised trading over 10 years has cost Sumi

was abroad on business yes-terday. But the group's gen-eral manager for sales, Ur-bano Mutati, who has flown in from Lusaka to London said he had no knowledge of the investigation. He con



..\$531,707,500 (1993) ..75% of GNP firmed, however, that his GMM in the US. "As far as we are concerned

[GMM] are just customers. They purchased physical cop-per from us. They didn't take our positions," he said.
"Obviously client contracts are confidential, but any authority can come and talk to us. We have nothing to hide

or fear," he added.

Mr Mutati denied market rumours that the Zambian agency might be sitting on a "long" market position of market position of 100,000 tonnes of copper and have suffered extended losse as a result — rumours which have helped to undermine the price of copper since the Su-mitomo affair broke two weeks ago.

as part of the investigation they will examine relations between brokers who had close links with Mr Haman aka — including GMM in the US and Winchester Commodities in Britain — and clients other than Sumitomo.

They are thought to be in-

ed in the activity of two British-registered firms — Memaco Services and Me maco Trading — which were consolidated into ZCCM at the beginning of this year. Mr Mutati explained that the Memaco companies were set up in the early 1980s "to help cover shortfalls in pro-

duction, meeting delivery schedules for customers and the like". He denied these firms were involved in any sort of market speculation, although they did do "a little bit of controlled business" Once one of the world's top

five copper producers, Zambia's output has suffered due to political and industrial upheaval of late. But the annual production of 850,000 tonnes still accounts for 80 per cent of the country's exchange earnings.

Recently privatisation has been mooted for ZCCM, which is 25 per cent controlled by Anglo American.

### **Wary business leaders deal** blow to Clarke PFI prediction

THE Government's drive to offload public spending on to the private sector will sufers a fresh setback today, as some of the strongest evidence yet that the Private Finance Initiative is losing credibility with business emerges. Senior executives, taking

that Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's prediction that PFI projects would be worth £14 billion by 1998/99 is a significant overestimation. They say the shortage of

value of capital spending on contracts to £8.4 billion. High bidding costs and complex and unpredictable tender processes are blamed

firms willing to join the PFI

for waning private sector en-thusiasm for the initiative. The criticisms, published in a report by the construction newspaper Contract Journal and consultancy firm James R Knowles, provide the latest evidence that the Govnt will find it increasingly difficult to save money

on public spending in order to Today's report shows that

nearly three-quarters of bosses of financing firms, contractors and commercial companies surveyed believe there will be a shortage of speculative capital to fund PFI bids.

PFTs primary aims of proand lower public spending are threatened. They say that, in the health sector alone, there are more projects than the private sector can cope with and call for a more focused approach with the Treasury tak-

ing a clearer lead.
The report, Making the PFI Work, reflects setbacks such as the withdrawal of conwill result in a shortfall of struction firm Laing from ten-40 per cent, bringing the dering for the £260 million Royal London Hospital last month. In another case, Alfred McAlpine, preferred bidder for a bospital in Bath. lost out on the finalised 640 million contract after it was decided to revert to conventional funding.

Damage done by uncer-tainty is highlighted by the report, with firms giving government departments an average performance rating of less than five out of 10. Civil servants win an even worse rating with their perceived ability to lead the PFI process scoring just four.

## G7 SUMMIT in LYON

# American sanctions split western leaders

### IAN BLACK reveals what's behind the diplomatic row that threatens to disrupt the running order

BEHIND the scenes skirmish over United States sand tions against allies trading with Cuba. Iran and Libya is threatening to break out into open warfare at today's world eco-nomic summit in Lyon.

Washington has been urging its G7 partners to keep the issue low on the agenda, but anger over the controversial Helms-Burton bill on Cuba and slim prospects for compromise mean that pressure will be maintained.

John Major is certain to raise the sanctions question with President Bill Clinton this afternoon, as will Euro pean Commission president Jacques Santer and the Canadian prime minister, Jean Chrétien.

The Helms-Burton law targets foreign companies investing or trading in Cuban properties confiscated from American citizens and firms after Fidel Castro took power

Less direconian legislation introduced by Senator Al-phonse D'Amato will punish non-US companies doing busi-

'We would like to move on to other issues. We don't want this to hijack the summit'

### **US diplomat**

ness with Iran and Libya by prohibiting their operations in the domestic market and excluding them from govern-

ment contracts.

Mr Clinton is said to be aware of the strong feelings raised by the issue, as the question of extra-territorial trade law has been raised repeatedly in recent months by individual countries and the European Union, and dominated a recent ministerial meeting of the OECD, with relied threats of retaliation if Washington does not

We would like to move on diplomat. "We don't want this

to hijack the summit." Britain is pressing Mr Clinton to waive the part of the Helms-Burton act which gives courts lurisdiction over non-US companies using expropriated assets in Cuba. But officials say this is unlikely, given the political climate in Washington before the elec-

tion in November. European concern is more about the Middle East than Cubs, but less about the sums | eral Bourros Boutro of money involved than the | term past December.

extension of the principle of "extra-territoriality". Britain, the US's largest trading partner in the EU, is also worried about the grow ing tendency for issues of in-ternational trade and foreign policy to be driven by a do-mestic political agenda.

Americans argue that the EU, which maintains a "critical dialogue" with Iran, has done little to help isolate the Islamic Republic because of its fundamentalist ideology and nuclear ambitions. Ger-many, Iran's biggest trading partner, is especially vulnera-ble on this point.

Tuesday's bomb blast in Saudi Arabia, which killed 23 American servicemen, and for which Iran or Iranian influences are likely to be blamed, will strengthen the US hand on this point and bring calls for more coordinated action against international terrorism.

On other global political issues, the G7 leaders will try to accentuate the positive on both the Middle East and Bos nia, but there is little cause first optimism in either case.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher will arrive in
Lyon directly from the Middle
East after hearing at first
hand Israell prime minister
Benjamin Netanyahu's hardline stance on peace with the

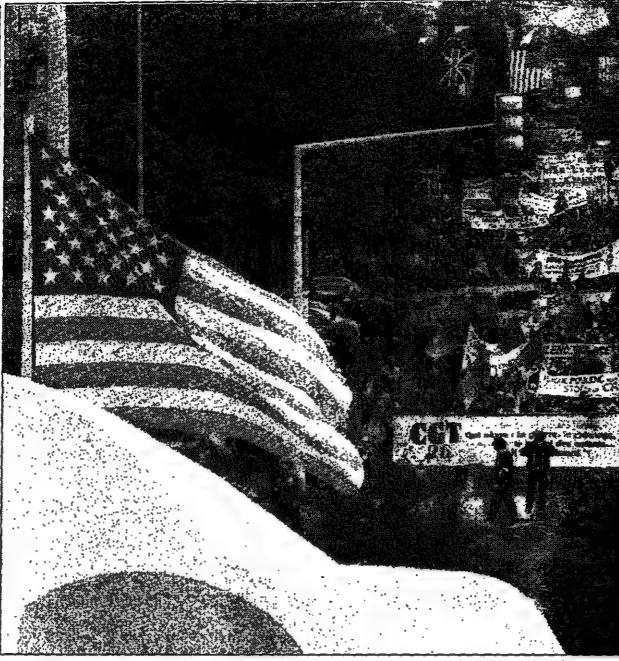
line stance on peace with the Palestinians and Arab states. Carl Bildt, the international community's civilian media-tor, will join the summit discussion of Bosnia, which is expected to reaffirm the need to stick to the timetable set in the Dayton peace agreement and express determination to bring wanted war criminals

Little discussion is likely about extending the mission of the Nato-led peace imple mentation force, due to begin withdrawing in December. Mr Clinton promised Con-gress it would be over within a year, and France fears that staying on without the Americans would mean a return to the ineffectual peacekeeping and transatiantic rows that characterised the previous

bound President Boris Yeltsin, replaced by prime minis-ter Victor Chernomyrdin, the G7 leaders will also express hopes for continued economic reform in Russia.

for completing the drafting of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty, now highly unlikely to be met, will add the issue of stopping the spread of nuclear weapons to the G7's already crowded agenda.

Leaders are also certain to discuss US opposition to ex-tending UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghall's



Power struggle . . . US and Japanese flags wave as thousands protest against unemployment before the G7 summit in Lyon, France. Despite the social problems, the summit mood appears to be one of complacency. PHOTOGRAPH MICHELEUER

# IMF chief wants bigger union role

Michel Camdessus argues for a new spirit of co-operation to fight poverty, reports JULIE WOLF in Brussels

the International used his first appearance before a trade union audience to argue that unions can play a key role in en-suring that globalisation does not lead to unemploy-

ment and deprivation. Addressing the Interna-tional Confederation of

ICHEL Camdessus, | view of many trade union-managing director of | ists that increased international trade and capital living conditions and incomes in the developed and

But, he said, market forces, or "Adam Smith's invisible hand", must be accompanied by government policies that promote the training and education of Free Trade Unions, Mr workers and redistribute Camdessus rejected the wealth. The IMF believed workers and redistribute

governments, employers | IMF's role in promoting and unions should work together to achieve these What economic models

cannot deliver, it is the imperative task of govern-ments to provide. And no this task, except under the pressure of public opinion, particularly the permanent pressure of strong trade unions," Mr Camdessus said. He added that this should be done "in the should be done "in the framework of tripartite dialogue" involving unions, employers and government. of whom work "
He also defended the rible conditions".

structural adjustment in developing countries. "Please don't accept the pogoals, said Mr Camdessus, a "Please don't accept the po-former governor of the litical propaganda of politi-cians" who blame the IMP and World Bank for their own failings, Mr Camdes-

Although the IMF chief's speech was applauded by many of the 1.000 delegates at the ICFTU congress, there were also catcalls. The ICFTU's general secretary, Bill Jordan, said this reflected years of suspicion of the IMF and World Bank among trade unionists in the developing world, many of whom work "under ter-

# **Bombers set** the agenda once again

Terrorism and unemployment still provide the background as latest talks open, say LARRY ELLIOTT and IAN TRAYNOR in Bonn

given for thinking that the world has come full circle when they gather in Lyon for heir annual get-together this

Twenty one years ago Giscard d'Estaing was the host for the first Group of Seven as the West plunged into eco-nomic crisis and under the hadow of international

en in Saudi Arabia ensure that terrorism is high on the genda over the next three days, with President Clinton certain to press for global action against bombers. But America is not the

ower it was, as could have seen predicted way back in 1975, when Saigon was evacuand the United States was still traumatised by military defeat and presidential maifeasance. The retreat of the United States from its po-sition as global leader has been accompanied by the rise of free-market economics. Mr Clinton will still be an important voice, but he will lack the clout of a Truman, an Eisenhower or a Johnson.

As a result, when it comes to the economy, the G7 discussion is likely to be minimal. even perfunctory. That is de spite the fact that the West is blighted by the highest unem-ployment since the 1930s and ome countries are showing signs of severe dislocation. In Germany, for many

darity and high-living standards, the country is riven by the public spending cuts de-manded by Chancellor Kohl to ensure that Europe's largest economy meets the Maastricht convergence criteria

German industrialists threw their weight yesterday behind Chancellor Kohl's plans for £30 billion of public and Margaret Thatcher

spending cuts, On the eve of a parliamentary vote on cutting social benefits, Klaus Murmann, head of the German employers' federation, ridiculed trades union opposition to the cuts. "The reduction of the welfare state to what can be financed is long overdue," Mr Murmann said

HE leaders of the West's seven most powerful antions could be for this light that the seven most powerful at the seven most powerful at the seven most powerful that is the seven most powerful that the seve music to the ears of UK ministers. UK officials skated smugly over the macro-economy in their summit briefings this week, asserting that there was a common belief in the British approach - low inflation, cutting budget defi-cits and tackling unemploy-ment through a "more flexi-

ble" labour market. The Americans are likely to press Europeans to ease monetary policy in an attempt to create more jobs, pointing out that the experience of the world's biggest economy over the past few years is that interest rates can be reduced without any risk of higher inflation.

But the general mood is one cency. In the mid-1970s one key reason for coordinated Western action was the threat of Soviet expansion. The collapse of commu-nism has removed that fear. The lack of an external

enemy and the imperatives of a single currency help to ex-plain why France, with 12 per cent unemployment, is looking to a deal on development and aid rather than a cure for the West's sluggish growth.
There will be discussions

on IMF gold sales, curbs on arms sales and the need to clamp down on drug barons, but on the global economy the talk will be of Japanese recovery and the bright nental Europe once public spending has been squeezed. In fact, the World Economic

Summit has become a misnomer. The idea back in 1975, fostered by 30 years of Keynesian demand management, was that world leaders could and should act to mitigate the impact of the first

That belief lingered until the end of the 1970s, but was killed off once Ronald Reagan started to dominate summits in the early 1980s. Now the approach of the G7 can be summed up simply: He back and think of globalisation.

Inflation in Germany fell back to its lowest level - 1.2 per cent — in eight years, the government said, spurring speculation that the Bundes-bank would nudge down in-Mr Murmann's argument | terest rates today.

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under fire

# Deutsche signals seismic shift

lan Traynor in Bonn

EUTSCHE Bank, the country's biggest commended to porate giant, is planning to shed or trim some of its key industrial holdings in a move signalling a seismic shift in Germany's business culture. Senior figures at the bank's Deutsche was keen to rid it-self of its large stakes in some of the country's most presti-gious but recently underper-forming companies, including

which comes amid fevered debate in Germany over the relative merits of German-style corporatism against the Anglo-Saxon model of marketdriven capitalism, and strongly suggests that top German industrialists are in-creasingly keen to go at least

partly down the latter road. Juergen Krumnow. Deutsche Bank's chief financial officer, told journalists in Frankfurt that the bank wanted to sell off or reduce its holdings in the Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz engineering group's Daimler-Benz, Ger-many's biggest conglomerate, construction firm. His remarks confirmed the

cultural sea-change taking rooms, away from longer term planning, investment, and the banks' domination of corporate ownership towards a stronger emphasis on shortterm profits and greater reliance on capital markets.

All three businesses named by Mr Krumnow failed to pay a dividend this year. Last year. Daimler-Benz notched up losses of nearly DM6 bil-lion (23.21 billion), the worst in German corporate history. while last month KHD was on

sharply on the disclosure, and in the Philipp Holzmann the brink of bankruptcy after allegations of hundreds of millions of marks being lost through

accounting Deutsche Bank, which owns 48.6 per cent of KDA, was the key player in putting together a rescue package. The bank also owns 34 per cent of Daimler and around 20 per cent of Holzmann.

Deutsche Bank is aiming to double pre-tax profitability to around 25 per cent, concentrate on boosting stock performance and to shift its emphasis away from industrial holdings to investment bank-ing and assets management.

greater employees right [sic] and the combination of

UK and European legisla-tion have all combined to

create an area of business

which is fraught with risks for the unaware." Quite.

News in brief

# **Harvey Nichols in** strong performance

HARVEY Nichols, the recently-floated Knightsbridge fashion store, unveiled a sparkling set of results for the year to the end of March. Pre-tax profits were up by 53 per cent to £9.15 million, boosted by increased sales at maintained profit margins, control over costs and higher interest earned on cash.

The store was floated, amid much razznataz, in April. On the first day of trading the shares made a tidy 64p premium above the floation price of 270p. The shares later hit a high of 363.5p but have since dropped back as the initial euphoria died down and the signals from the retail sector became muted. Dickson Poon, Harvey Nichols' chairman, said that current trading was strong with sales 20 per cent higher than at the same period last year. — Pauline Springett

# Telegraph shares go-ahead

HOLLINGER International, the newspaper group run by the Canadian media tycoon Conrad Black, yesterday got the go-ahead to proceed with its proposed buy-out of the minority shareholders in the Telegraph group. Jereiny Deedes, the group's managing director, did not expect it to have any effect on the daily operation of the paper because Hollinger already owned 64 per cent of its

The deal, valued at 570p a share, is set to produce windfall payouts for some of the newpapers' senior journalists. It also marks the end of the Telegraph's somewhat turbulent period of public listing, although there is speculation that the parent Hollinger group may soon seek a London listing itself. — Pauline Springett

### Goodwill may depreciate

COMPANY balance sheets will be transformed if proposals published today, aimed at ending a long-running accounting wrangle, are accepted by the profession. The plan, published by the Accounting Standards Board (ASB), would add intangible assets acquired in a takeover to the buyer's balance sheet, and would require the sum. known as goodwill, to be depreciated like a normal asset over 30 years.
Current practice reduces a company's assets shown in the

turrent practice reduces a company's assets shown in the balance sheet, but also avoids an annual depreciation charge which would reduce profits. Consumer and service businesses have fought a rearguard action saying that brands and services they have acquired are valuable assets. — Roger Come

# Abbey joins medical market

MORTGAGE lenders are about to swoop on the medical insur-MORTGAGE tenders are about to swoop on the memoral misur-ance market following a deal announced yesterday between the Abbey National and Norwich Union Healthcare. Abbey and Norwich Union — which controls a fifth of the medical insurance market—are to form a joint venture selling medical insurance policies through Abbey's branches. The Halifax also plans to enter the market and is believed to have held informal discussions with Bupa. — Teresa Hunter



# Underside Dan Atkinson Earth and One World.

The bank's shares rose

E take off our paper Eng-Er-Land hats to the US delegation

Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury's top manda-rin, is an anxious man. Not, as one may have imagined, because a few billion has gone AWOL from the PSBR, but because his beloved Treasury Inter-net service has been shortlisted as "Best Non-Com-mercial Site" of the year. So keen is Sir Terence on taking the crown in this prestigious competition (sponsored by part of the Yellow Pages group) that he has already "surfed the Net" to check on the other two finalists: Friends of the

ONARCH Airlines can abandon hope of picking up the Nobel Peace Prize after an erra-tum issued in relation to its European Routes Map. "We have included Egypt twice ... while completely omitting Israel altogether. This

from Euro 96 sponsor Mastercard, whose members endured the distinctly un-American experience of attending the game against Spain at Wembley on Satur-day. No Brit, however ex-alted. would have turned a hair as surrounding fans chanted "flaming Charlie" (or something like that) at assorted players and sug-gested the referee engaged in self-abuse. Adding insult to injury, the women of this co-ed mission began, after the final whistle, to lead the way to the exit and were booed for failing to ioin in the after-match singing. American Football, we understand, just isn't like

HERIE Blair QC. the UK's answer to Hilla-UK's answer to Hilla-ry Rodham. is pop-ping up everywhere these days. But what sort of mes-sages is she conveying through her choice of en-dorsements? Only lost dorsements? Only last is a genuine error and we dorsements? Only last regret having caused of week, when her husband

was busy watering down making costly mistakes". Labour's proposals on workers rights. Cherie appeared at a book launch as tracts, part-time workers. author of the foreword. Billed as a "leading em-ployment barrister" she lent ber imprimatur to the tome, entitled Negotiating Employment Agreements. which aims to "show any one with a responsibility for personnel how to avoid falling foul of employment law" and to provide "an easy-to-use guide which will enable businesses of all shapes and sizes to avoid



N insider v rebel clash N insider v renet class climaxes today as Peter Lilley's former political adviser. Jeremy Mayhew, squares up to outsider Paul Rippon in the fight for the City ward of Aldrender Tampla harrie. Aldersgate. Temple barris-ter Rippon made waves in the spring when the post of Alderman for Aldersgate fell vacant; he challenged, unsuccessfully the wall in unsuccessfully, the walk-in candidate, common coun-cilman Nicholas Anstee. His latest opponent is now at the BBC, having advised Lilley at both the DTI and Social Security. If elected, he will doubtless make an excellent councilman but, given his old bosses' antiwelfare predilections, per-

haps he could be kept away from control of the City's numerous

# WIMBLEDON: DAY THREE

# Seles falls in baseline slugfest

Jain

ONICA SELES, the No.2 seed and world's joint leading player, was knocked out by the 59th-ranked Katarina Studenikova on No. 1 Court yesterday. The winner of eight Grand Slam events again proved to have feet of clay on grass in the one important championship to have eluded her. The inspired tennis of the Slovak also robbed Seles of the chance to prove the complete. chance to prove the complete-

ness of her rehabilitation. Their baseline slug-out lasted more than two and a quar-ter hours before Studenikova prevailed 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, having appeared to be the beneficiary

of a rain interruption halfway through the final set when Seles was a break and 3-2 up. There had been a quiet sus-picion at courtside that Seles was really still languishing in a Hamburg hospital or per-haps enjoying her horse-rid-ing and guitar-playing and had sent out a rather undis-tinguished lookalike to pick up a few points on the WTA rankings to her absence. This Seles was two inches taller and two stone heavier than the one who last played at Wimbledon four years ago.

In the very first game there was confirmation that central casting had made a total botch of things: she forgot to grunt, the grunt which is almost as famous as Munch's Scream and which is delivered in the tone of a self-admonishing curse when life has again finished sticky-side

down on the carpet.

The grunt, however, was very evident halfway through the opening set, and there was much blowing too as the glamorous Studenikova, 22 and a first-round loser on her three previous Wimbledon appearances, proved a most irksome second-round oppo-nent. She proved a formidable athlete, capable of running anything down and armed with a thumping forehand worthy of Steffi Graf.

Seles said afterwards: "She played smarter and had better and my defeat in the French, I will have to respect. I car played a number of winners tainly didn't play as well as I of old. But in the third, we did when I beat her 8-1, 8-1 in the Australian. I fall I am in the wit was not the real of old.

really close it down when I led 2-0 in the third, but I still felt pretty confident when I went to the locker room for rain leading 3-2. But in the end I just didn't go for my shots and I had trouble with

the slice on her backhand." This last remark was a lit-tle strange, because Seles played constantly to Studeni-kova's backhand in order to hand; sometimes the Slovak even ran around her back-hand to play an inside-out forehand. This tactic was similar to that adopted by Graf against Seles, so it came as no surprise when Studenikova said afterwards: "Steffi is my

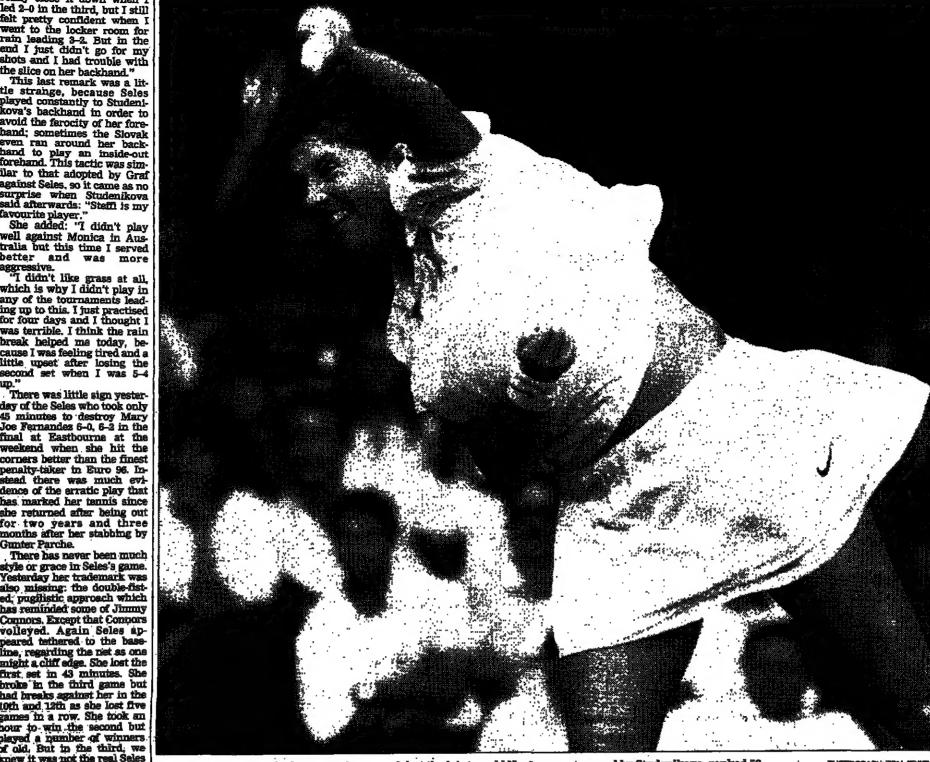
Sand atter wards: "Stell is my favourite player."

She added: "I didn't play
well against Monica in Aus-tralia but this time I served better and was more

aggressive.
"I didn't like grass at all, which is why I didn't play in any of the tournaments leading up to this. I just practised for four days and I thought I was terrible. I think the rain break helped ms today, be-cause I was feeling tired and a little upset after losing the second set when I was 5-4

There was little sign yester day of the Seles who took only 45 minutes to destroy Mary Joe Fernandez 6-0, 6-2 in the final at Eastbourne at the weekend when she hit the corners better than the finest penalty-taker in Euro 96. In-stead there was much evidence of the erratic play that has marked her tennis since she returned after being out for two years and three months after her stabbing by Gunter Parche.

Yesterday her trademark was also missing: the double-fist-ed, puglistic approach which has reminded some of Jimmy has reminded some of Jimmy Comnors, Except that Compors volleyed. Again Seles appeared tethered to the baseline, regarding the net as one might a cliff edge. She lost the first set in 43 minutes. She broke in the third game but had breaks against her in the 19th and 12th as she lost five 10th and 12th as she lost five games in a row. She took an



Over and out . . . Seles looks aggressive enough but the joint world No. 1 was outgurned by Studenikova, ranked 59

# Becker booms back to crush Spanish uprising

play committee. Otherwise it was just too much of a coincidence that the first three matches on Centre Court yesterday involved German players.

On the other hand it is en-tirely probable that this august body did not have the slightest idea that there was a football match at Wembley. Wimbledon is bermetically sealed from

After two days of shuddering shocks, with the men's seeded field torn asunder, an atmosphere of quiet contemplation finally settled over SW19 in the morning. although by around one o'clock this had been disturbed, rather more gently, when Sweden's Thomas Enqvist, the No. 9 seed, lost to MaliVai Washington of

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Rnqvist is very much a man of the indoors, al-

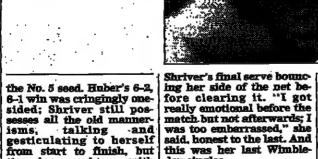
someone with a sense of humour on Wimbledon's order-of-committee. Otherwise is just too much of a cidence that the first matches on Centre is matches on Centre in toongh he had the carpet taken from under his feet by Washington in Resen this year. The Swede had never progressed beyond the first round here in two attempts, and maintained that record in losing 6-4,

Later Court One was to see the precipitous exit of Monica Seles, the women's No. 2 seed. This Wimbledon has certainly not been

Thomas Beecham fam ously remarked that the British do not care much for music but they do like the noise it makes. The same might be said of tennoise. Wimbledon is all about show, with the actual 6-1 win was cringingly one play frequently taking a sided; Shriver still pos-

ddiary role. How else could anybody have let Pam Shriver on to Centre Court? The 33-yearreceived a sentimental wild card, was embarrassingly awful against Anke Huber, a touch of genuine bathos,

Stephen Bierley sees a trio of Germans serve notice of their intent



this was her last Wimble-don singles.

Boris Becker is no spring chicken himself but still time has caught up with The match finished with

capable of being king

rooster in his favourite tennis backyard. Even after the first two days of shocks. with Agassi, Kafelnikov, Chang and Courier all fall-ing by the wayside, there

were few who supposed the German would find himself in any sort of trouble against Tomas Carbonell of Spain, a doubles specialist. The No. 2 seed's performance had been so scat-Indeed, Becker opened up tered with unforced errors

with a service game to love, | that it was simply impossi-a pleasing thud emanating | ble to imagine it would not sharply improve. And so it did. Becker's serve, the axis of his game, finally slipped from his recket. Carbon ell's strings, by compari-son, swished. This would surely not last long. But into its usual well-oiled

these are peculiar times.

A double fault saw Becker groove, and the force was on the brink of being bro-The Spaniard's serve now ken in the third game and the Spaniard finished him began to fragment under pressure and Becker levoff with aplomb. Becker broke back for 4-4 but then elled. The third set saw Becker lose his serve again immediately lost his serve but by now Carbonell was again, followed by the set. losing his at will and A slight tremor rippled Becker ran out a comfortable enough winner 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
Sandwiched between the through Centre Court; a definite shake was experienced when once again

victories for Huber and Becker dropped his serve at Becker was the match left over from the previous evethe beginning of the second set. Carbonell passed the ning between Germany's
Michael Stich, the No. 10
seed, and Sjeng Schalken of
the Netherlands. Stich had
led 8-3, 3-6, 4-1 on Tuesday German with three wonderful returns and, when he missed with a fourth, Becker aimed a darkly meaningful look across the net. He then double-faulted, mood to finish it off quickly. He reeled off six games without reply, win-ning the last two sets 6-1. Carbonell held his serve. and Becker trailed 6-4, 2-6.

ciay/K Godridge (Aue) 6-1, 7-5, D J dramse/T-A-Prima (Aue/SA) bt N Dahiman/ C J Wood (Pin/SB) 8-4, 6-5; K BOOGNET/ 3 SPHELIA (Neth/Pon. 11) bt A Lettere/C Morariu (US) 7-6, 8-1; P D SERVILLA M WRLD (Aus/US, 15) bt K Kschwendt/F La-bat (Ger/Arg) 8-2, 6-1; L M MENSTL/M TAURIAT (US)? 7-3 bt N Feber/D Van Roosi (Bel) 7-6, Y-6, 6-4.

Men's Doubles Holders: T.A. Woodbridgel M Woodforde (Aus)

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Women's Singles Holder: S Graf (Ger)

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(Arg) bt S Schett (Aut) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; I
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7-6, 5-7, 6-4; A SANCHEZ VICARBO (Sp.
4) bt M Orictana (Neth) 7-5, 6-3.

# Milligan prevails in extra time

Frank Keating on a young Briton whose fortunes resembled a penalty shoot-out

HE male of the British species continued its colourfully bright and emotionally jaugling renaissance when Luke Milligan, a 19-year-old with stout heart and no little set match in successive days to eliminate the seri-

ously rated youngster from Ecuador, Nic Lapentti. The British will have to enjoy their suddenly gaudy and acclaimed life while it lasts — which, as a collective, may not be long, be-cause the quirk of the draw has likened them to that species of spider that happily gives birth only to turn round and eat its mate.
Just as Mark Petchey

plays Chris Wilkinson today, so was Milligar yes-terday striving for the chance of putting out one of his compatriots, Tim Hen-man or Danny Sapsford, who began their match in the evening just as the rest of the nation was settling down to watch the football That contest was ended

by bad light soon after halfcer, with Hemman leading by 6-1 and 5-5 and only a faithful smattering of ten-nis diehards remaining defiantly around the No. 1 Court bleachers.

Even when taking the first set seemingly with the ball with nothing like the crisp certainties of his high of the day before; the more so in the second set when Sepsford boldly de-cided to begin swiping for broke. On Henman's part, a reaction to all of Tuesday's passions was quite under-standable. Not that, in similar circumstances, it bad bothered Milligan.

tory was a stirring one, but nerveless it was not. Dramatically it was the stuff of penalty shoot-outs. Will he, won't he? Is this it? No it isn't. The backhand volley exultantly tucked away at the net after 3hr 46min on court was the first match point in eight the Hertfordshire teenager had not

That was all of 1hr 50min after he had failed to grab the nettle at his first match point, and all of 6hr 37min since he had begun his Tuesday match in his first Wimbledon appearance as

a wild-card home entry. In the middle of it all, with the temperature soaring both spiritually and operatically, Milligan began hobbling with cramp. With no medic able to apply a massage, he could only gob-ble down his salt or glucose tablets. No trainer can touch you if the hurt is "a loss of conditioning as opposed to an injury sus-tained during a match".

Cramp struck him towards the end of the fourth set, as it was to pull up his opponent in the fifth, but, more than any tablets. one sensed that the players curtain now came from the wildly applanding Wimble-don matrons, who warm fast to a quicksilver sprite with a racy fuzz of designer stubble.

There was also some raucous cheerleading from Milligan's parents, sisters, brothers, cousins and aunts. "We are all totally elated," said his father Jim. "It shows he was right to insist on leaving school to join a full-time tennis squad in Brighton, and it certainly calls for a skinful of drinks tonight, football or no football."

On yesterday's evidence Milligan is certainly a likely prospect. He is no heavyweight serve and volleyer, more an athlete at home on the back court, a baseliner with topspin and an appreciation of the narrow angles and distant corners that earn points. What he has yet to learn is how to finish a tie-break: he messed up both of them yesterday, but not the match.

In contrast, the exit earlier for another British wild card, Colin Beecher, who was always striving to catch up with the game of the dapper Italian Renzo

Furlan. Beecher relentlessly followed in his serve and even when his midcourt volleying began to go skew-whiff he had no idea about changing tack or mixing it up. He Bisham Abbey's official resident squad. Do they

# **Rugby Union**

## Twickenham under fire

president of the York-hir Rugby Football Union. has strongly criticised Twick. enham for the way it has handled the game's transition to the open era.
Lambert, speaking at the

ounty's annual meeting, said the Rugby Football Union's recent exclusive television deal with Sky had brought

'no credit to our game".
"The RFU have signed a contract which condemns the vast majority of their supporters to second-hand viewing and put the Five Nations in eopardy." be said.

He also claimed the RFU had made mistakes at club level, such as the relegation of his former side Baildon. "West Hartlepool finish bottom of National League One with no points and due to the old pals act and a U-turn by the RFU, which would have even embarrassed a politician, were not relegated," he said.

He concluded by arguing that certain clubs had put their own interests above those of the game as a whole. "The top clubs continue to resort to tactics which fell not reduce Ireland to 15 for three. far short of blackmail to A ninth-wicket stand of 16 beachieve their ends," he said tween the opening bowlers

### **Hurt Nash leaves Middlesex**

her game.

DION NASH, the New Zealand fast bowler, has been released by Middlesex. The 24-year-old from Auckland has not played this season because of a long-standing back injury and is returning home on medical advice for an expension of the control of the on medical advice for an ex-tended period of rest.

"His contract has been terminated and his registration has been cancelled," said a Middlesex spokesman. "Needless to say, we share Dion's Nash was New Zealand's

leading wicket-taker with 17 in the three-Test series against England in 1994. Last season he took 51 championhip wickets with Middlesex. Sussex yesterday tronaced Iraland by 304 runs in their

rain-interrrupted NatWest Trophy first-round match in Belfast. Sussex added 61 in their remaining five overs to finish on 384 for nine — their highest total in the competition - and then dismissed Ireland for 80 in 33.3 overs. Ireland's captain Justin Benson departed to the

second ball and Paul Jarvis

added the wickets of Andy Patterson and Angus Dunlop

in the space of four balls to

Benson 3-0-20-1.

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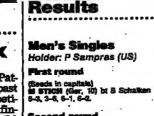
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Anke weighed . . . Huber powers her way past Shriver

# Lewis denied chance to equal gold record

Duncan Mackay

ARL LEWIS is likely to be denied the op-portunity of equalling the record of 10 Olympic gold medals, having been passed over for the United States relay squad in Atlents.

He requires two more victories to match the achievement of Ray Ewry, who won all his medals at the start of the century in the long-since discontinued standing jumps, but he will compete only in the long jump unless the coaches change their 4x100 metres relay selection. Lewis finished last in the

100m at the US Olympic trials last weekend and the head coach Erv Hunt made him a reserve to the relay team of Dennis Mitchell, Michael Marsh, Jon Drummond and Leroy Burrell. "When you've got these kind of people in front of you, and you finish last, it's pretty tough to pass them over," said Hunt.

But Hunt said Lewis could come into the team if one of the selected athletes were injured, gave up his relay spot or did not go to the pre-Olympic training camp in North Carolina.

This half was the 100m runner.

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Only Burrell (9.85) and Lewis (9.86) have gone faster.

Fredericks, who has been training with Christie and California in the solution of the selected athletes.

Mitchell won the 100m trial, followed by Marsh and Drummond. Burrell,

medal, feels a little more confident about his chances in Atlanta after returning to form in Hel-sinki on Tuesday when he leapt to the top of the world rankings with an effort of

rankings with an effort of 17.82 metres.

It dispelled any doubts among the selectors about his fitness, after he missed the British trials in Birmingham with a bruised heal and seven have been been and seven have been been and seven have been and seven have been and seven have been also as to be a seven as the seven as the seven have been as to be a seven as the sev heel and sore knee. Now he is relishing his first ap-pearance of the year in front of his home fans at Sunday's Bupa Games in Gateshead.

Gateshead.
"I will be going into that meeting a lot happier," he said. "Obviously the main battles are ahead, but this was certainly a step in the right direction. The most pleasing thing is that a bit of the spark which has been missing in my imming is missing in my jumping is back. Eighteen metres didn't feel a milition miles away."

But everyone at the Hel-sinki meeting was over-shadowed by Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, whose 9.87sec meant he joined Linford Christie as the third-fastest 100m runner.

Fredericks, who has been training with Christie and Colin Jackson this year, is still unsure whether to still unsure whether to and Drummond. Burrell, the world record holder at the distance and Lewis's training partner, was selected despite finishing only sixth, because of his relay experience.

Meanwhile the British triple jumper Jonathan Edwards, who will be seeking his first Olympic gold

still unsure whether to tackle both sprints in the 200m. But he is certain that Christie, who is expected to announce on Monday whether he will defend the 100m title, still has what fit takes. "If I can do that time, Linford can certainly repeat it or go even faster," he said.



# Tregaron in with a sound chance

the Royal meeting and one at the Heath on Saturday, signalled a return to form by Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst after an unusually lean spell.

It may have been a four-timer if the well-fancied Tregaron had been able to take

his place in the Royal Hunt Cup. But, off a light weight he missed the overnight cut by

There will be another day for Tregaron in a big handi-cap. In the meantime, his connections can gain a measure of compensation at Salisbury today when the five-year-old faces just four opponents in the Noel Cannon Memorial

use of the whip on Habeta in the Carlisle Bell

The ban means that Duf-

field will miss the opening day of the big Newmarket July meeting but will be eli-gible to ride Pivotal in the

Duffield banned four days

after ringing the bell on Habeta

GEORGE DUFFIELD was the race which is the oldest handicap in the racing (July 5-9) for unreasonable calendar.

July Cup, which is on the third day of the meeting.

Habeta responded gallantly to Duffield's urging with the 10-year-old beating Spanish Verdict by a short head.

"Two years ago I wanted would have none of it," said Watts. "Last season it was a struggle to find a suitable race for him and now he short head.

The winner was Bill must be doing something watts's fourth success in right."

been unsuited by soft ground when only fifth behind Amrak Ajeeb next time out, but with his stable in better form now he should return to winning ways.

Richard Quinn, rider of Treeseron can so on to com-

Trophy.

He also has a good chance
Formerly trained by Peter of following up with Clan

handicap in the rating calendar.
Watts, whose previous successes were Rithairon (1980), Handlebar (1987) and Overpower (1989), had advised owner Rod Bickenson that Habeta's best days

were over. "Two years ago I wanted

and climbed the ratings. I

Calver. Tregaron, like so many handicappers before him, improved dramatically for the switch to Akehurst. trotting up by three and a half lengths in a 31-rupper race at

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for the switch to Akehurst trotting up by three and a half lengths in a 31-runner race at Ascot in May.
Samba Sharply, the runner up that day, has a 10lb pull in the weights with Tregaron but has shown nothing in two subsequent starts and is tried in blinkers now.
Tregaron (2.00) may have been unsuited by soft ground when only fifth behind Am.

Subject to a veterinary ex-Subject to a veterinary examination, Double Trigger has run his last race for Mark Johnston following his sale by owner Ron Huggins to race in Saudi Arabia.

The Middleham trainer. while extremely disappointed at losing his top stayer, ad-mitted Huggins "was made an offer just too good to turn down"

"It is obviously going to leave a huge gap and al-though we do still have his full-brother Double Eclipse, that, I can tell you, is no con-solation for losing this fellow," said Johnston.

Double Trigger was recently foiled in his bid to add a second Ascot Gold Cup to his laurels by the superior speed of Classic Cliche. He amassed over £300,000 in

win prize money with 10 victories stretching back to his two-year-old days, but his trainer had no doubt in nominating the first of last year's Cup treble, the Gold Cup at Ascot, as his finest hour.

Just to underline his good record with stayers, Johnston should be on target with the progressive Double Agent (8.30) in the 13-furlongs Coopers & Lybrand Handicap at Newbury tonight.

# Salisbury card with guide to the form

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# Czech Rep 0, France 0 (aes., Underdog chs break out in spots

lan Ross at Old Trafford

S EVER, winning remains all in foot-ball; no more so than in major tournaments, where there are no grey areas. However unattractive may have been their passage, the Czech Republic this morning find themselves, improbably, in the final of the European Championship.

The scenes of uncontained joy that followed what was a rather hollow triumph in a penalty shoot-out may per-haps go some way to disguising what had preceded an inevitably tense climax. But, by a distance, the celebration was more compelling than the

It was as poor as that: an afternoon of countless errors, and the competition's third fixture to stumble through an

title they will now contest at Wembley on Sunday by defeating the then World Cup holders West Germany on penalties. Yesterday their greater accuracy from 12

After both teams had con-verted their allotted five kicks the France substitute Reynald Pedros drove tamely into the legs of Petr Kouha. The Gallic dream was over.

The Czech centre-back Miroslav Kadlec was promptly ushered forth from a group standing in the centre circle to strike his side's sixth, and final, kick. It flew in and, to the delight of romantics the world over, a team seemingly invited along to the great party to make up the numbers

were home and dry. The game was never pretty and always hugely disap-pointing. Both sides resem-bled untidy collections of spare parts, for injury and suspension had conspired to

zifted contributors. huddled together on a touch-tine that also played home, unexpectedly, to France's succumbed to a calf injury = sarlier in the day.

The Czechs again played with a robust freedom but, in the French, they met a level of preparedness they had hiftrto not encountered. Even without Deschamps, France luid assaults like a dry ponge. Unfortunately for hose neutrals in a pairry rowd the Czechs had been imilarly diligent and a eshaped defence coped admirably and without discomfort during what was a torturous

A quite wretched spectacle had crawled on its belly to the 54th minute before a shot was on target. The Czech forward Drulak's rather lazy and unconvincing drive flow small mercies.

like morning mist, and at last the message held therein seemed to prick the con-sciences of some of those

In relative terms what fol-lowed was a positive feast of open and attacking football.

lights of an oncoming car. extra period without yielding They stood and watched be-a "golden goal". In 1976 the Czechs won the dacity to try to win the tie dacity to try to win the tie

and then sweeping a volley fractionally too high.

was to ensure that the trial of extra time came to represent something of a lighter load.

There was much huffing and puffing, a couple of half-chances and the Czechs' first else. Somehow the afternoon had always seemed destined to be decided by a lottery.

found to be clutching the win ning ticket.



opening hour.

convincing drive flew straight into the midriff of the French goalkeeper Lama, but the malcontents in the expensive seats were grateful for

The sarcastic applause wearing boots.

For 10 glorious minutes the Czech defence resembled a rabbit transfixed by the head-

Djorkaeff was twice unfor tunate, clipping the top of the crossbar with a rising drive

Fatigue, and fatigue alone

For France, the disappointment was that the tourna-



UnCzeched joy . . . the Republic's jubilant players celebrate their place in the final after Kadlec converted the sixth and winning penalty

# Cool Kadlec summons the spirit of '76

Michael Walker witnesses a depressingly familiar story of empty | Manchester, bow many or | Both sets of players must | time. And yet considering dinary Joes can afford 270 | have been suitably under | the French display against seats and an uninspiring match with a finale of false excitement

ter missed his 78th-minute penalty at Wembley almost, a formight ago we have been subjected to this

The increasing frequency and volume of its delivery, however, should not de-tract from the plain fact that football has not come home; if anything, this tournament has proved the

opposite. From the second game,

T IS coming home, football is coming home.

Spain versus Bulgaria in Villa Park and yesterday ball is coming home.

Leeds, the first played away from Wembley, one of the After three weeks at the tournament's most striking images has been of empty

> At Elland Road for that first Group B match the row upon row of unfilled places was genuinely shocking and even, for non-Englishmen and women, embarrassing. But that inirial shock turned to numb-ness after visits to St James' Park, Anfield, Hills-borough, the City Ground,

home of football, swathes of empty seats have become the norm. Availability of tickets has been a great problem but the real scan-dal has been the price. On Tuesday tickets for this game costing £70 were being advertised as if they were a bargain. Clearly the Manchester public failed to see them as such and stayed away in droves. Even if Eng-land had been playing in

Euro 96 is football in the corporate community, and the roar of disbelief that when the official attendance of 43,877 was announced was further proof of the huge miscalculation on tickets and pricing.

The worst aspect of all this is that crowds matter. Nothing kills an atmo-sphere faster than vacant seats. It did here. You had to repeat it to yourself that it was the semi-final of the European Championship, the third-largest sports event in the world.

they got, but their collective performance was out-standingly uninspired. The opening half was as tedious as the rip-off programmes costing 24. The first corner came in the 45th minute, the first save nine minutes after half-time.

Bernard Lama made that but at the other end Petr Kouba had to wait until four minutes into extra time before he made one. Kouba had been unable to get close to Djorkaeff's rasper that struck the bar shades earlier, the only time a goal may be looked possible in normal Prague.

the Dutch, when they con jured a stop from Edwin van der Sar only after 105 minutes, we should have expected as much.

To no one's great surprise the so-called golden goal turned out to be a golden bore once more. At least the penalties were full of tension as each successful a Czech's. Then Pedros missed and Kadlec took his first penalty for four years and scored.

Forget 1966: there are shades of 1976. Football may be coming home to

# **BUH196** 9 DIARY

Germans take cod war **€**to heart

has a bit of a history so far as cod faxes written on House of Commons notepaper are con-cerned. This is risky terri-tory, you understand. How-ever, it has come to our attention that the London office of the German Football Federation yesterday received such an item from a group calling itself The Par-liamentary Union of British

It was addressed to Berti Vogts and went like this:
"Through misguided arrogance you appear to believe that in some way you are superior to other countries. However, this certainly does not apply to Britain. Let me remind you that it was Great Britain who thrashed you in 1918, 1945 and 1966. We only lost in the 1970 finals because our goalkeeper was ill. It is now a matter of record that his drinks had been tampered with the day before the

ERE not sure if we should tell you this, because the Guardian

your team on penalties, but not the match. In recent times your government has chosen to flex its muscles yet again by waging economic warfare against Great Britain; putting pressure on the EU to starve British farmers by banning their beef, etc, etc. Wishing you a speedy return to your native land."
It is signed Rule Britannia

(for it was she) and has sent the German federation into a considerable paddy. Police have been called in, newspapers informed and presunably an official complaint lodged with Westminster. But surely, none of our MPs would compose anything so dastardly, would they?

OW for an entirely gen uine letter which Harry Redknapp received in the spring of 1995 from Ken Brooke, a young West Ham fan working as an Englishlanguage teacher in Prague. If said: 'Dear Harry, I have seen the most brilliant mid-

Brooke's chagrin, Redknapp neither answered the letter nor bought the midfielder for the £200,000 he would have cost. His name was Karel Poborsky. After Euro 96 he will probably be sold for £3 million. #OULD you Adams and

OULD you Adams and
Eve it. In an attempt
to avoid the confusion
that surrounded ticket arrangements for the semi-final the tournament organisers nents for the semi-final. sent an orgent fax to national sent an urgent lax to national newspapers on Tuesday afternoon making clear that for the final tickets would be available only via the Wembley hotline. Unfortunately—
and true to form— they got the number wrong. At 6pm came a second fax, even more urgent than the first, correcturgent than the first, correct ing the mistake. So anyone wanting a ticket for Sunday should phone 0181 982 6677. No promises, mind. Organisa-tion is such that you might get through to Mrs Marsden

match. Who would carry out fielder here in Prague. He is playing for Viktoria Zizkov and I strongly recommend that you buy him." Much to four firm pointers by the gate ears.

on the North Circular.

Glasgow-based Daily Record. England, columnist Bill "von" Leckie briskly reminded his readers, had given the world Nora Batty, warm bitter and the Reliant Robin. Germany on the other hand had exported Claudia Schiffer, chilled Becks and BMW.

The fourth? "Terry and

June, enough to make us hate England forever and a day," marled Herr Leckie. Club but Wimbledon offi-cials yesterday refused a request from that wacky double act Murphy and Luke Jensen to wear England shirts — even the white ones — this year. And the SW19 stuffiness further extended to a block on broadcasting yesterday's semi-finals scores over the many Tannoys at the ground. "We have no plans to do anything special," said a

S SEEN at Wembley last night: David Seaman stick-on moustaches. Coming soon: the Tony Ad-ams nose and Gareth South-

### Couto could soon belong to Rangers

ANGERS are on the verge nof paying 14 million for Fernando Couto, Parma's 28year-old Portuguese interna-tional defender who has also attracted the interest of Manhester United.

Parma's manager Kultura Sogliano, who is also hoping to unload the Bulgaria striker to unload the Bulgaria striker Parma's manager Riccardo Hristo Stoichkov, said yes day: "The transfer of Conto to Glasgow Rangers is almost completed."

France's striker Christophic Dugarry is expected to be playing for his new cities. Milan in six weeks having undergone keyhole.

undergone keyhole surgesy on his right knee yester He tore ligaments during France's quarter-final victory over Holland at Anfield on Saturday and pulled out of Euro 96.

The Council of Etrope has written to the Press Com-plaints Commission objecting to the Daily Mirror's "declaration of soccer war" on Germany in its Monday editions. The Council's deputy-secre-

tary Peter Leuprecht wrote that the newspaper's "chauvinistic reaction was an abso-lute betrayal of the efforts of the tens of thousands of people, of the FA and Uefa of the police authorities of the United Kingdom and of 14 other countries...

bid from Fenerbahce for their 23-year-old striker Daniel Amokachi They are willing to let the Nigerian international go for the right price, reported to be £1.6 million but the Turkish champions offer is understood to be wellbelow that

"The clubs are talking at chairman level but there is a massive gap between our valuations," said Everton's manager Joe Royle, who also said the Swedish international Anders Limpar's proposed move to Marseille appeared to have broken down.

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# ion's share for Montgomerie as French relent

Echael Britten in Paris

HE French are nothing if not pragmatic. After refusing steadfastly for years to pay appearance money to the top players, and seeing the French Open suffer as a consequence, the organisers have performed a volte-

face this year.
Accordingly, 11 members of Europe's victorious Ryder Cup team have assembled for he Continent's oldest chamonship at the National Club, Guyancourt One of them, Europe's No. 1 Colin Montgonow has a three year one yesterday in which he choose Colin. And it is

worth up to £160,900 if he wins a major championship before the end of next season.

Montgomerie, who has not played in the Peugeot-sponsored event since 1992, has agreed a performance related deal. He has been paid £20,000 for his appearance this week, next year his fee will be doubled, and the following sesson he will receive £60,000; should he win a major this year or next, £20,000 will be added to those payments. In return Montgomerie has

agreed to take part in clinics

for French golfers. He gave

amateurs the secrets of successful tournament golf. The money is being paid

not by the sponsors nor the by the French federation, at whose headquarters the event has been staged for the past five years. Claude-Roger Cartier, the retiring French federation president, said; "It is important for the European No. 1 to be involved with the French Open. For us it was a gamble, but if you wanted to pick

someone who will become a

"contract" with the French outlined to France's leading | cheaper to sign him now than | newly-wed I would have gone Montgomerie had hoped at the recent US Open at Oakland Hills to rid himself of the promoter Lionel Provost but tag as the best player not to have won a major, but he

shared 10th place. "I led the fairways hit and greens in regulation, and when my work on the green gets to that level I will win," he said. "It's all a matter of confidence. I know I can hit the fairways and greens, so I go and do it. But when I get there I get negative thoughts because I don't know whether major champion you would I am going to hole the putt.

confidence on their good greens. But golf will never be the No. 1 thing in my life. My family are my first priority.' With a £100,000 first prize at stake this could be a red-letter week for the Scot, who spent his 33rd birthday on Sunday at Smith's Lawn watching polo, and was in the Royal Box at Wimbledon on Monday

ess of Kent. Today be celebrates his sixth wedding anniversary with Eimear, who has accompanied him to the French cap-"If I was a bachelor or ital. Life for Monty is a ball.

alongside the Duke and Duch-

Seles suffers shock defeat, page 13 Lewis denied his golden shot, page 14 Milligan not yet spiked, page 13

Penalties send Czech Republic into final, page 15

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### **EURO 96: THE SEMI-FINALS**

Germany 1, England 1 (after 90min and extra time; Germany won 6-5 on penalties)

# England pay the ultimate penalty

David Lacey

NGLAND suffered penalty heartache yet again last night Southgate saw his kick saved by Germany's Kopke. It brought back all the memories from Italia 90 when England also lost a shoot-out to the Germans. No one dreamt it could happen again.

billed as a semi-final yet had a feel of finality about it. The Czech Republic, horses so dark nobody saw them com-ing, awaited the winners at Wembley on Sunday, but for England the occasion was about restoring some sort of parity to the history of their encounters with the

Terry Venables decided against replacing one Neville, the suspended Gary, with another, his younger brother Phil. It was probably never a serious option. Instead Ince, banned for the Spain match, simply returned to the side, leaving England to play three

It was a bold approach by Venables, although in view of Berti Vogts's choice of team it looked logical enough. As Venables had suspected. Kuntz, coming in for the in-jured Klinsmann, was the Germans' lone striker with

In less than three minutes, after two minutes and 12 seconds in fact, boldness had been rewarded. With the Germans retreating en masse Ince unleashed a dipping shot from 30 yards which almost caught Köpke by surprise. The German goalkeeper, his country's best puncher since Max Schmeling, managed to fist the ball over the bar, but



Hail the equaliser . . . Kuntz turns away after putting Germany level

glanced it down waist-high, and Kuntz slipped in front of into spaces behind England's and Shearer hurled himself Pearce to beat Seaman with a midfield, and Gascoigne a forward to nod the ball past Köpke. Wembley rubbed its eyes. This was too good a start to be true.

So it was soon to prove. The Germans spent the next dozen or so minutes consolidating then they scored with their first properly co-ordinated attack just past the quarter-

The move was simplicity it-

cool flick of an instep. Now Germany were playing the more relaxed football, infiltrating England's cover al-

most at will with Ince strug-gling to keep track of Möller, with Freund and Eilts blocking the paths of Gascoigne and Platt, and with Ziege an

As the half wore on, Enghe was soon having to fish it out of the net.

Gascoigne's corner from the left found the head of Ad
Caught England's defence

The move was simplicity it self and owed everything to slick passing and running.

Möller found Helmer, his pass to attack down their left flank. With Möller a constant of the self flank.

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liability whenever he gave the ball away, Venables's team looked increasingly uncomfortable when the opposi-

Against that, England con-tinued to promise themsives a second goal. In fact one all but arrived 12 minutes before half-time. Sheringham turned on Anderton's low corner from the right and aimed a well-struck shot towards the inside of the near post only to

England all but ended the

The width of Venables's attack, allied to the accelera-tion of Anderton and McManaman, frequently stretched Germany's stifling cover. Three minutes from the inter-val it almost regained Eng-

Platt dispossessed Ziege on the right, Anderton squirmed away from Eilts and from his centre Shearer rose to head a fraction wide of the left-hand

Scholl, gathering a ball played inside by Kuntz and swaying past two opponents before he was stopped, quickly reminded Wembley of st how costly such miss

England began the second half with a more studied tempo, concentrating more on patient possession. It was as if ession. It was as if they had been told to save their legs by making the ball do more of the work.

There was a bounce and a buoyancy about England's football. Ince was beginning to master the midfield and soon produced another ambitious drive which dipped over

Germany looked subdued, which is always a dangerous sign. Sure enough, a pass from Ziege and a explosion of pace from Eilts turned Eng-land's defence on the left just before the hour. A queue of Germans awaited his ball back from the byline, but

The match was becoming classic. In the 62nd minute thrust out, dribbled through the defence to the right-hand byline before his cross was

The confidence with which so many England players were taking on defenders with the ball was infectious. But they badly needed a goal. ENGLANCE Seanar: Soutigate, Adams.

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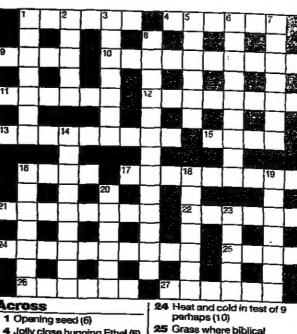
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Set by Gordius



- 4 Jolly close hugging Ethel (6) 9 Work that could be its
- 10 11 when short craftily takes
- 11 9 this and nothing wins (6)
- 12 Fried chips are heavenly! (8) 13 Olive branch waved, but no end to the war — we just have to do with a breather (9)
- 16 Sea bird backs others (4) 17 Dines out with pigs, feeling

15 Atmospheric gas put into

- 21 Member of press gang with 1 dn. going back and forth
- round the harbour (8) 22 Hardly material for a cover
- character started his construction (4) 26 Half the academy is at Maidenhead -- it's split (6)
- 27 My clue could be 24 (6) Down 1 Tommy could be one in soft metal (7)
- 2 Passage quoted for curning exercises? (5)
- 3 Honour found in some calculating Scottish 9 (7) 5 Prime English delusion? (6) 6 Prepare to be a surveyor?
- 8 Press tortura? (9,4) 14 Patient with negative progress to common currency?
  (9)

18 Ordered to pay £10 fine (7) 19 There's no way odd spirit 20 Part of what a prudent

character going to church (5)